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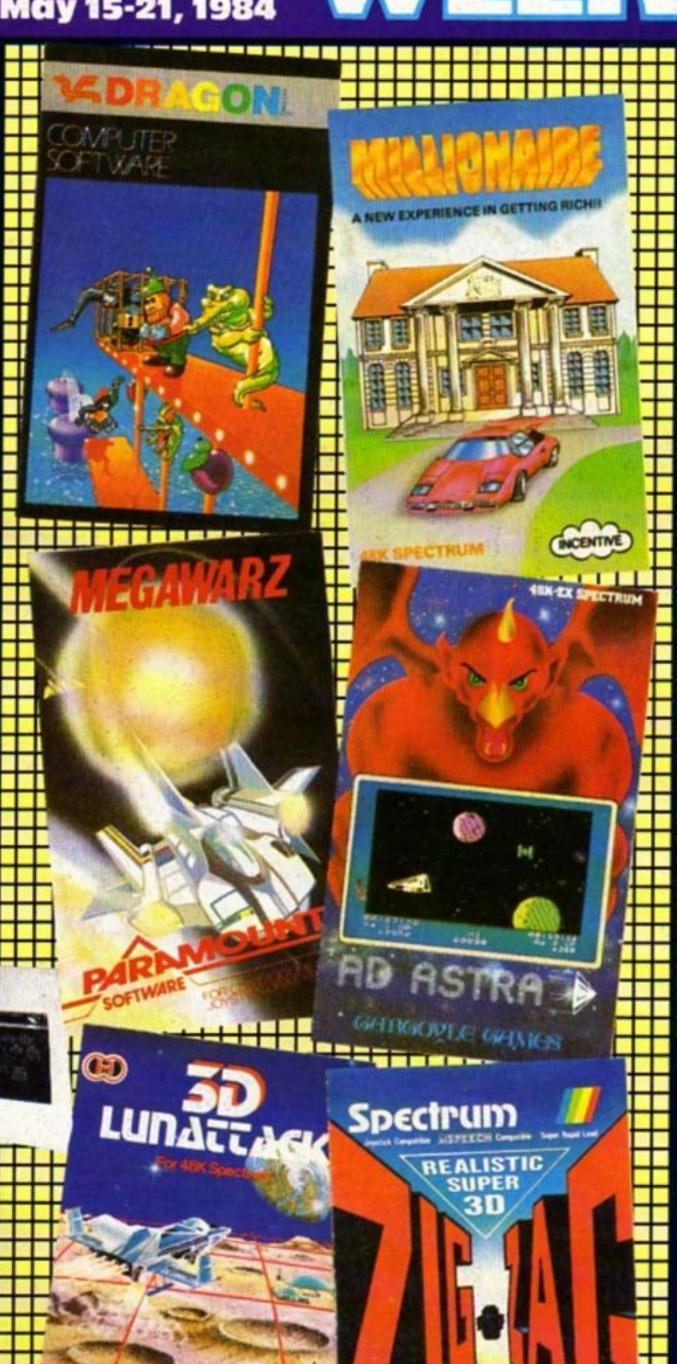
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Micro show goes monthly

BBC TV is to screen a monthly computer magazine, hosted by Ian McNaught-Davis.

The idea was prompted by the success of the Micro Live show in October which was viewed by about 1.3m people, good for a Sunday morning.

No name has yet been chosen for the series, but it will be screened by BBC2 in the early evening on weekdays.

But first there will be a follow-up to Micro Live, a one-hour show on June 24 on BBC1 at 11.30am.

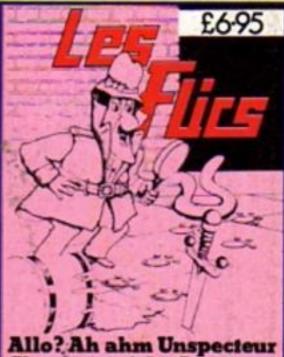
Among the features will be the announcement of the winners of a software competition for schools and colleges, launched on the earlier show by the Information Technology Minister Kenneth Continued on page 6

QL is here ...at last

Sinclair Research delivered the first batch of QL micros in style — by car.

One of the lucky recipients was John Smith, a selfemployed programmer/ engineer, who reckons the QL was worth the wait.

He said: "My partner and I ordered a QL two days after the launch. We weren't among the first to order, but my partner was so aggravated by the delay Continued on page 6



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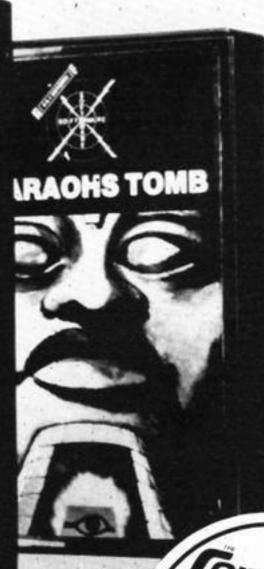


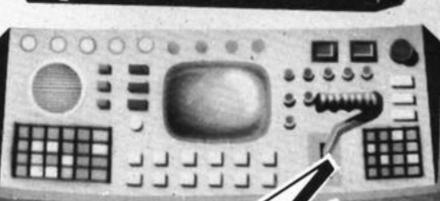


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Britain's biggest computer retailer, W.H. Smith, has signed an exclusive deal to sell the 16bit Advance 86.

There are two models, both IBM compatible, with 128K of RAM, an 84-key typewriterstyle keyboard - which slides into the main unit when not in use - Microsoft GW BASIC and an Intel 8086 processor running at 4.77 MHz.

- Model A, which works with a domestic cassette recorder, costs £399 and is designed for home use
- Model B, for small businesses, is £1,500 and has an extra unit containing two 514in disc drives and space for extra boards, plus four free software packages

Model A can be upgraded to Model B for £1,100.

Merchandise controller John Rowlands said the Advance was now on sale in 35 computer shops-within-shops. Another 14 would be added within three months. It will also go into 220 computer Know-how departments.

He said: "It replaces the Apple. We sold several hundred, but I don't think it has the appeal or the same availability of software. We will have about two dozen software packages by early June and 48 by the end of summer. We are talking to a number of UK software houses, but a lot is coming from the US."

The Advance, and the Sinclair QL when available to retailers, adds to Smith's current range of computers: BBC, Electron, Spectrum, ZX81 and Commodore 64.

W.H.S. already markets two own-brand computer-compatible cassette recorders and is now adding a 14in colour monitor at £249 and a 12in amber screen monitor (£89). A modem and carrying straps are possible for the Advance.

British made (by Ferranti) and designed, the Advance has 62K available to BASIC and an extra 16K handles the screen. The 64K of ROM contains BASIC, with 72 error messages, diagnostics and the cassette operating system. A further 128K of RAM chips can be added to the model A and 640K to the model B.

Advance Technology systems programmer Carl Phillips said it was as compatible with the IBM Personal Computer as rival micros.

He said: "Compatibility is a word which has lost all meaning. The ROM is obviously not bytefor-byte - that would invite IBM's legal department. The question is 'Does it run IBM software?', and it does."

A demonstration showed the Advance running a flight simulator, generally reckoned to be a good test of IBM compatibility.

Main features:

Display: 256 characters — all redefinable - scroll, full screen editing, 16 colours plus flashing. Modes:

W.H.S goes for the Advance

Why has W.H. Smith decided to sell the Advance, and what does it offer? Paul Liptrot reports

The Advance 86, model B — remove the disc drive unit and it's the model A. The monitor costs extra.

Sound: built-in speaker Input/output: cassette (1-2K baud), light pen, two joystick ports, Centronics, TV, RGB, composite video. Model B also has TS232 port

cards, including those made for the IBM PC, and space for another two drives or hard disc

Software free with model B is Perfect Writer, Perfect Speller,

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Keyboard: black with 84 cream and grey keys, all with auto repeat, including 10 function keys and numeric keypad incorporating cursor control. The unit fits into a black box measuring 20% in by 16% in by 4% in Disc expansion unit fits on top and contains two half-height Shugart SA455 drives, power supply and larger mother board. There are slots for more | EC4A 1AD

Perfect Calc and Perfect Filer, said to be worth a total of £750

 Last year W.H.S. sold £28m-worth of computers, £13m up on the previous year

W.H. Smith, Strand House, 10 New Fetter Lane, London

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* Disc BASIC only. The Advance disc operating system, supplied on disc, is a version of Microsoft MS-DOS used on the IBM Personal Computer

QL here

From front page

Baker. One of the 15 regional winners will get prizes worth £25,000.

Director and co-producer of both is Patrick Titley. He said: "We want to show how people are using their computers."

In the one-hour show there will be a follow-up to an earlier item where John Coll found while demonstrating communications that hackers had broken the security and left messages.

Mr Titley said they faced a moral dilemma over including it, but decided to go ahead to demonstrate that computer systems can be insecure.

Like the earlier show, Micro Live will have a studio audience, possibly drawn from computer clubs.

The 30-minute series, due to start in October, will often be live and include occasional phone-ins.

Among the items pencilled in is a regular report from America. Outside experts will review hardware and software, programs from the series will probably be available via telesoftware and there may be a British Telecom Gold mailbox for viewers' comments.

Also in the planning stages is chart of best selling commercial software.

My Titley and his coproducer, David Allen, were both involved in the series Making the Most of the Micro, which led to Micro Live and now the series.

He invited comments from readers of Home Computing Weekly on what should be included both in the single show and the series.

Micro Live, BBC TV, Villiers House, London W5

Micro show

From front page

that he went to Camberley and blew his top.

"Perhaps his behaviour, and a number of phone calls to Sinclair, helped speed up delivery in our case.'

He went on: "I think it's brilliant. I certainly wouldn't knock it. Of course there are some minor bugs but I've waited a few months and I'm prepared to wait a couple more for Sinclair to sort out the problems. As long as they update it, I'm happy"

Some of the criticisms Mr Smith did have were discrepancies between the handbook and the system. "The handbook only seems to be half finished," he said. "It contains | Tavistock, Devon PL19 9EA

details on the packages, and a few small things like how to switch it on, but nothing about the BASIC."

One arithmetic bug is that if you PRINT -1-1 you get 0, not -2. I'm not worried by the bugs though. After all, the Spectrum had 16 bugs."

Peter Walters is another new QL owner. He said: "The packages are very good," he said. "The graphics are very easy to use and the microdrive is very good and reliable. The spreadsheet is good but there is a bug in it."

Mr Walters had discovered several problems. "The FILL routine doesn't work properly and the flashing is awkward," he said. "One major problem was that it took three of us eight attempts to get it back in the box!

"In my view it is potentially better than the BBC, but it isn't at the moment," he continued.

A Sinclair spokesman said: "Our production target is 20,000 units by the end of the summer. We have had more than 13,000 orders; those who had letters from us telling them that they should receive their QL in April should by now have received them. Those who had May letters should be receiving their QL by the end of the month.

"The handbook was not completed when the first QLs went out, and the customers were advised of this. Other sections, including information on the BASIC, will be sent out this week and there will be a separate free booklet on the operating system software."

"At the moment the QL has an EPROM board which must be plugged in at the back," he continued. "This is the equivalent of three 16K EPROMS; these will all be located internally. Redesign of the PCB is not necessary. All owners are being issued with vouchers for a free conversion of firmware, and this should take place within one or two months."

Sinclair, Stanhope Rd, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3PS

Briefly

Reactions is the third release in Cloud 9's Chemistry Revision Aid Series. Two experimental simulations, a model of particles colliding and revision notes are included in this package for the 48K Spectrum. Price: £8.50 for over 75K of program.

Cloud 9, 4 Dolvin Rd,

March of the micros

My ancestry can be traced back many hundreds of years to the Chinese, although Babbage has been accredited as my creator.

Consider my development from beads on wires through Jacquard loom cards, transistors, chips, LSI chips and VLSI chips. I shudder to think how many millions of pounds/dollars/ yen have been spent on my development. Even in my lowly form, I can work at thousands of instructions per second and have condensed in size from the equivalent of the Albert Hall to a keyboard.

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Still the tide is slowly turning, we are beginning to bite (or should that be byte?) back. I may only be used as a clever toy but some of my relatives are already making their presence felt.

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Yes, we are destined to take over and control the world. You think that you are clever, but who was the first to the moon, Mars, the outer planets? Our super brethren are so complex that we have to design them ourselves. You are giving it to us on a plate.

So be warned and think on it, although there is not much that you can do about it now.

A TI-99/4A

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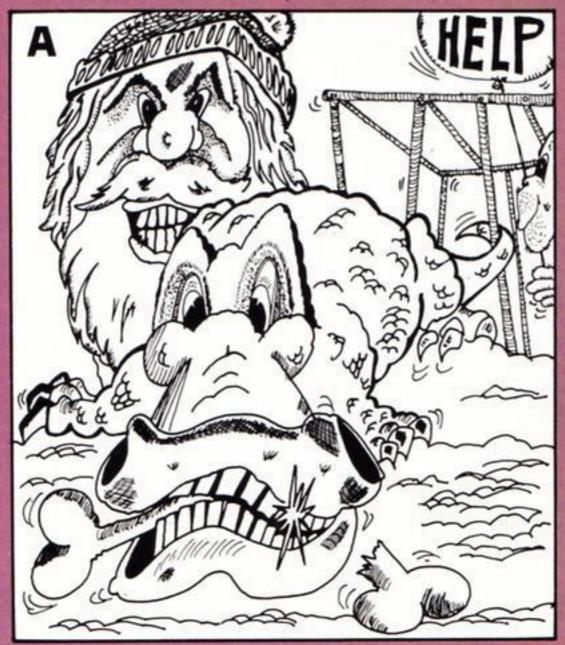
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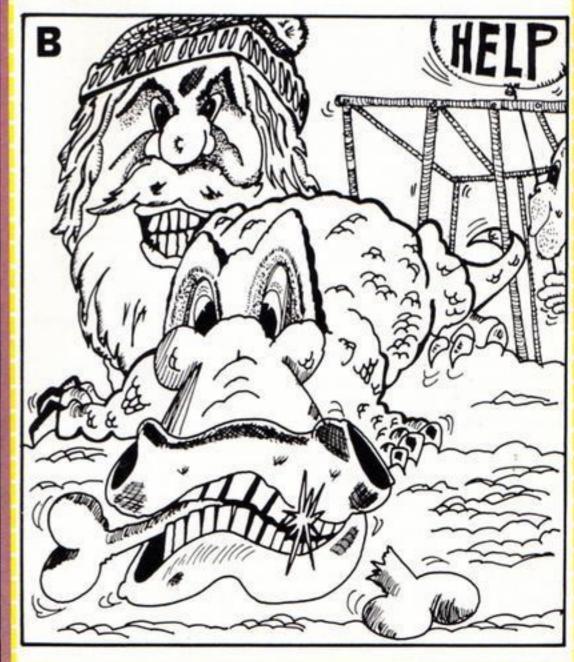
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Megawarz CBM 64 £7.50

Paramount, 67 Bishopton Lane, Stockton, Cleveland TS18 1PU

It's the finishing touches which separate the good from the bad. The good ensure initial playability by ham-fisted novices, long use by difficulty levels and enjoyment by attention to detail. A personal tailoring option — selecting three to five lives, bonus life, five difficulty and volume levels — raised hopes which were not disappointed.

The aim of the game is a round-trip mission to neighbouring planets, rescuing space-floating astronauts. Each planet is defended by hostiles: once these are cleared, all nearby astronauts appear for a brief rescue period, before mutating into deadly aliens. Contact with

these or any hostile causes you to explode. Shields will save you but their power is limited.

The ship rotates in eight directions, thrusting forward only and bounces off the screen edge. Rotation controls are very sensitive, needing precise control if you are not to spin helplessly.

The sound and music are well-chosen, the graphics excellent. Display shows score, hi-score, lives, rescues and shields, if you have time to look. End screen gives details of achievement and rating. Exciting and addictive. Get it.

D.C.

instructions	90%
playability	85%
graphics	90%
value for money	80%
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Midnight Express CBM 64 £7.00

Camilla, 4 Marennes Crescent, Brightlingsea, Colchester CO7 0RX

With the strength of the big boys in the software market, life can be rather tough for the small fish. This game is of the maze type and could easily have entered the realms of mediocrity.

The game has three phases, each involving trains. In phase one a circular man moves around the maze picking up mail Pac Man style. A train also moves around the track and you must avoid colliding with it. By moving your man to certain locations in the maze you can

convert him to a carriage which, if you can catch the train, you can tack on the end for a bonus.

In phase two the length of the train continually increases and you must remove carriages from the end, or else it will collide with itself and end the phase. The final phase is similar to phase one but much faster.

Graphically the game is nice but not outstanding. At the price the game is perhaps a touch overpriced but it is an enjoyable game and worth checking out.

A.W.

nstructions	80%
playability	75%
graphics	70%
value for money	70%



Mind Control CBM 64 £6.90

ACE, 82/84 Peckham Rye, London SE15 4HB

Science fiction film fans will remember when miniaturised doctors were injected into the bloodstream of a human to operate on a brain tumour. Here, you've got to destroy the nerve centre in Zyco's brain, an indestructable (their spelling) alien, before your miniaturising pill wears off, avoiding blood corpuscles and antibodies. There is illogicality to this twist on the original. Why does the alien permit injection? And why wouldn't a human body, exploding full-size in his brain, finish him off anyway?

Screen display also shows lack of research. Basically, a visible maze in the convoluted shape of a brain, with some circles (corpuscles?) whizzing around, and a spiderish shape I assume to to be the target at the centre. Your weapon fires only in the direction you are going, without effect on corpuscles. Controls are extremely sensitive and touching anything changes you from a tiny dot to a mountaineer in Lederhosen, and sends you back to start again.

And that's it. Possibilities — lungs, heart, variety of opponent — must be left to a future programmer with more imagination. Illogicality aside, won't interest for more than five minutes.

D.C.

instructions 90% playability 40% graphics 30% value for money 50%



Play more with your CBM 64

Our panel reviews sci-fi, space and maze games for the CBM 64

Pigs in Space CBM 64 £6.90

ACE, 82/84 Peckham Rye, London SE15 4HB

Clearly programmer and insert writer are unacquainted. It's wolves in space, the pigs being land-based and your pig lazer (a pun on lazy pigs or poor spelling?) is a bow and arrow.

Mummy pig is hoisted up and down in a basket, while wolves drop by balloon or heli-pack from a conveyor belt through the middle of a cloud. Or perhaps it's a spaceship. They are hurling at Mummy what the insert calls space dust but looks like thumping great rocks to me. Once hit, Mummy's dead.

After she has killed 20 wolves, she's supposed to come down, avoid atomic bombardment, and rescue a piglet hiding in trees. Mummy really could do with more modern equipment because her arrows are slow. Landing wolves can be shot on the ground, but if missed, rise underneath the basket, meaning certain death.

Keyboard or joystick. No display of wolves hit so I don't know if I ever came near to 20 before my lives ran out on Level 1 and I could not work up sufficient interest to keep trying. No title screen, poor use of sound, chunky graphics and loading difficulties. D.C.

instructions 90% playability 50% graphics 50% value for money 50%



Outback CBM 64 £7.50

Paramount, 67 Bishopton Lane, Stockton, Cleveland TS18 1PU

Cunning swagmen drop from the trees, parachute from helicopters and swarm from the hills, intent upon stealing baby kangaroos. But they're not getting yours, Blue. Nine roos penned up as decoy and you're concealed, ready to pick swaggers off with your bow and arrow. Trouble is, they keep throwing the boomerangs, which has a nasty effect on your life, and if you run out of lives or roos, you're out of business.

A previous version of this scenario bored me to tears — so why do I like this? The option to customise difficulty to my level? The screen variety? Choice of straight or guided arrows? All that, plus combination of super graphics, excellent sound and a great sense of humour. The plaintive squeal of captured roos, swagmen diving satisfyingly head-first to death, text comments; all make it a joy to play. The death sequence is superb too.

Hall of Fame, joystick or keyboard, music 'off', hold, onscreen details, end screen achievement and rating — this program lacks nothing but Fosters, and will last as long as you can play.

D.C.

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I think the name for this game was pulled out of a hat, because there is no relationship with the game.

You are a lone hunter armed with a rifle. You are surrounded by wild animals which you must shoot. You also have to avoid the richocheting bullets if you miss. To clear one screen you must shoot all the pink elephants. In this time of wild life conservation it must be illegal to kill pink elephants.

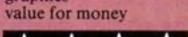
If this makes the game sound exciting it's not meant to. The game suffers very badly from

lack of movement. You can only move up or down on one plane and shoot left or right. After playing a couple of times it becomes monotonous.

Graphics are fair. The colour of the animals is not true to nature but makes for interesting viewing. As you progress the game speeds up but the excitement does not increase in proportion.

I expect this game could appeal to the very young. If you like exciting safari then give this one a miss.

instructions	90%
playability	90%
graphics	80%
value for money	70%



Three Circles/ Number Search Sord M5 £8.95

Computer Games, CGL House, Goldings Hill, Loughton, Essex IG10 2RR

This double games cassette for the unexpanded Sord M5 contains Three circles and Number search.

Three circles is described as an original version of the three circle game and is a contest between your brain and the computer's CPU. You must consider your move as well as your opponents. I'm afraid this is all I can say about this game since I found the instruction booklet totally incomprehen-

Number search is a simple version of the once popular game

Master Mind by Invicta Plastics. If you've been living in an underground shelter for the last 50 years, you won't know this game so let me explain. The purpose of this game is to find a special number generated by the opponent - in this case the computer - by using the fewest possible hints. In this version you choose the number of digits and the computer gives the hints.

These are two trivial games which don't exploit the capability of the M5 to any extent. This is surprising since all the other double cassettes are fairly good but I honestly cannot recommend this.

40%
30%
30%
40%



Bankroll TI-99/4A £7

Not Polyoptics, from Stainless, 10 Alstone Rd, Stockport, Cheshire SK4 5AH

The only complaint I have is that nowhere in the instructions, and contrary to information on the cassette, is it mentioned that this program runs in Extended BASIC. Otherwise, this is a quite good, text only, investment game for two to four players.

Each player starts with \$10,000 and the game ends when a predetermined target is reached. The upper limit is \$999,999 so you've no chance to achieve millionaire status.

The computer randomly decides the order of turns and when everyone has completed their choices, annual returns on all the players' investments are shown. Each player may buy and sell bonds or shares, but a sharp eye must be kept on interest rates and taxation. 'Headlines' may also have a long- or short-term effect on the outcome.

When the game ends the name of the winner is transformed into sprites which roll around the screen.

Overall, a complex and well structured program. You need to be a financial wizard to appreciate all the factors affecting capital investments, but even if you aren't, it's still fun to play. Needs Extended BASIC.

instructions 90% 75% playability graphics N/A 85% value for money

Jamboree for all!

A mixed bag of games are reviewed for you by our panel,

Pedes and Mutants VIC-20 £6.99

Romik, 272 Argyll Avenue, Slough, Berks SL1 4HE

The first thing you will notice is positioned a little too close to the trouble to attach a joystick. top of the TV screen.

The second thing you will bother to play it again. notice is the sometimes quaint structure of the English used instructions in the pages of instructions/ descriptions.

What you will not fail to value for money notice is the complete unoriginality of the game itself, which consists of various objects being continually scrolled

towards you.

You can use either a joystick or the keyboard to move left, right and fire.

Personally I found the game a veritable confusion of objects on the screen. Why an ant? Why a flea?

Having once seen the game I that the screen area has been certainly wouldn't take the

> Nor for that matter would I B.B.

100% 50% playability 60% graphics 50%



Sorcerers **Apprentice** Commodore 64 £9.99

Phoenix, Spangles House, 116 Marsh Rd, Pinner, Middx

This company uses a novel format in that they sell double cassette sets. One cassette is an arcade-type game and the other a textual adventure. The arcade game gives clues on how to solve the adventure. These clues are obtained when you reach the end of various skill levels. You are the sorcerer's apprentice trying to stop animated brooms from filling a well. The game is graphically good but the levels were so long that it was a game of endurance rather than skill, and soon became boring. To pile on the agony, Ducas' music was murdered in the background.

The adventure is a little more challenging. Your quest is to locate the spell to stop the brooms. The scenario is a slightly improbable wizard's house (I didn't know that wizards watched TV). The game has lots of problems to solve and soon makes the brain hurt.

It does have some weaknesses, one being that the interpreter only recognises the first two letters of your commands so that drain sump would be treated the same way as drop suitcase.

Overall, a fair package. M.W.

instructions	65%
ease of use	75%
graphics	75%
value for money	60%





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Vegetable Crash Spectrum €6.95

Kuma, 12 Horseshoe Pk, Horseshoe Rd, Pangbourne, Berks

A simple but addictive arcade game in machine code from the Kuma stable especially for

gardening fanatics.

A fair loading screen leads us to the instructions - a nice idea and then to the game itself. Screen top has score and hi-score in computer type above a fiverow formation of vegetables, which fly down to attack you, squirting seeds. Your only defence is three guns firing fork missiles. As you shoot the vegetables new ones arrive from the top. When the screen is emptied a new formation

appears and screen two is recorded bottom right. Hit a radish — or is it a turnip? — in mid-attack and you receive a healthy bonus score.

Kuma has produced a game that youngsters will enjoy until zapping and scoring become boring - then, because there is nothing new, it will be discarded. The use of sound is fair, but not brilliant, as is the use of colour and graphics.

There needs to be more than one good idea in a game - in this case seed-squirting vegetables - for it to catch on.

T.W.

instructions	80%
playability	70%
graphics	65%
value for money	50%



Millionaire **48K Spectrum** £5.50

A program for budding entrepeneurs who would like to run a software company. Your task is to earn a million from

software sales.

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activities: programming, seeing Honest Harry, selling to dealers, converting programs, obtaining a loan or selling out.

You will be asked for advertising expenditure and how many cassettes you wish to have duplicated. Periodically you are asked what makes a good program: this is very important.

This is all well presented and very addictive, offering excellent value for money. I think it will take a while for the player to make his million — my highest is only £50,000 and I only moved house once to a nice detached house — 16 The Avenue. J.S.

instructions		80%
playability		90%
display	139	80%
value for money		90%



3D Lunattack 48K Spectrum £7.95

Hewson, Hewson House, 56B Milton Trading Estate, Milton, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 4RX

This is the second of a trilogy of 3D games featuring the Great Seiddab Empire. You must save mankind from imminent destruction by destroying the Seiddab command base on the moon.

The game is played from the; cockpit of your Z5 Luna Hover Fighter. Craters rush towards your ship at an alarming speed and then the first wave of defence appears: Dab Tanks firing Ytsan missiles. Next, you fly across a mountainous mined area. If you survive this, you enter the final zone: silos firing Hewstron missiles. At last you reach the heavily armed 2 command base which can take several hits to destroy.

The instructions are very good although they don't explain the choice of control keys fully. There is also an appalling sound track - a James Bond style briefing. This is also available on the Currah Micro-speech unit.

This is an excellent program the 3D graphics are stunning and it is highly addictive. It's not easy though. I spent a long time plummeting to the ground before I even saw the base. I have yet to destroy it. J.S.

85% instructions 85% playability 95% graphics value for money

Fun and games with your Spectrum

New games star-rated for you by our panel of experts

Zigzag **48K Spectrum** £6.95

DK'tronics, Shire Hill Industrial Estate, Saffron Walden, Essex **CB11 3AO**

> 3D graphics seem to be the vogue among the smaller software houses while the larger ones are concentrating on animation. Usually 3D games have great visual impact but are much less addictive, as much of the program is concerned with display rather than with playability. Unfortunately, Zigzag is no exception.

This is a 3D maze game consisting of six sectors: you must rid each sector of the Scarabaqs — peculiar limpet-like things with legs - before you

can enter the next one. You must watch out for the Hoverdroids who will zap your energy. That's all there is to it.

Your time is spent either searching endless corridors or chasing a Scarabaq into a blind alley. There's no alien or missile dodging like most arcade games. The only danger is the loss of energy, but you will be totally bored before then.

The inlay card boasts a special rapid loading system: that ought to fool the pirates for a while.

It's a boring game even if the graphics are nice. J.S.

instructions 80% playability 20% graphics 80% value for money 25%



Ad Astra 48K Spectrum £5.95

Gargoyle Games, 4 North Western Arcade, Birmingham B2 5LH

There's a bug in this program. The inlay card boasts 'out of this world explosions'; they certainly are the best I've seen, but... they don't work: an image of your Li ships appears just below. This is just about acceptable except that when your ship is at the bottom of the screen the program

You are a member of the Deep Space Patrol and must rid the galaxy of enemy ships, while dodging massive, rotating moons. This is as far as I can get before an enemy catches me at the bottom of the screen and the program crashes. However, it appears there are other aliens. mines and mine layers and interstellar debris.

The graphics are third party 3D, i.e. you see your ship on the screen in front of you, instead of a cockpit view. Thus, your ship, rather than the display, moves when you change direction. This destroys the realism.

This would be a reasonable program if it weren't for the bug. I hope Gargoyle Games have ironed it out — it seems only a simple mistake. I would advise anyone wishing to buy this game to ask for a demonstration first. (The ratings assume the bug has been corrected.) J.S.

90% instructions playability 65% graphics 95% value for money 65%



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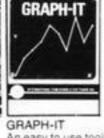


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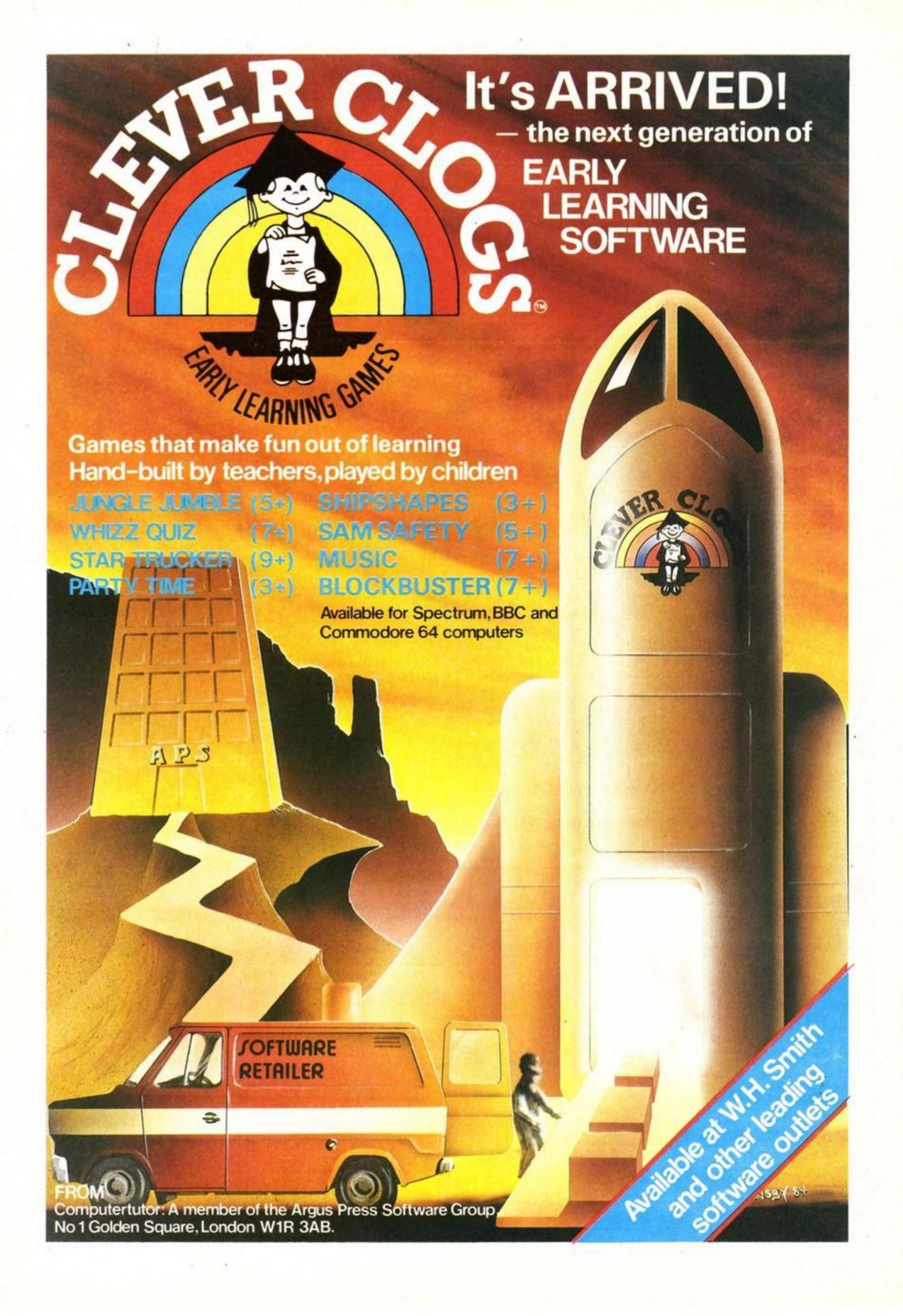
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Listing 1 — this must be entered first

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REM ** SNAKES & LADDERS **
      REM ** A computised version for the Acorn Electr
on / BBC micro model B **
                                  1984 **
   30 REM ** S.W. Lucas
   40 REM ** This part must be used to load the main p
rogram because it defines the characters and envelopes
      ENVELOPE1,1,-7,7,0,10,10,0,126,0,0,-126,126,126
      ENVELOPE2,1,1,0,0,200,0,0,126,0,0,-126,126,126
      ENVELOPE3,1,36,-36,0,20,20,0,126,0,0,-126,126,12
       ENVELOPE4,4,-1,1,0,20,20,0,126,0,0,-126,126,126
      REM DISABLE ESCAPE (0.S. 1.2)
  100
       *FX229,1
      REM DISABLE BREAK
  110
  120 *KEY 10 OLD:M RUN:M
  130 COLOUR1
  140 MODE1:COLOUR131:COLOUR1:PRINTTAB(10,2) "Snakes and
 Ladders"
  150 COLOUR130: PRINTTAB(10,10) "<C> 1984 S.W. Lucas"
  160 COLOUR129: COLOUR2: PRINT " "This is a version of t
he familiar board game for two players.
  170 COLOUR132: PRINT''"In this version, the computer w
ill be your opponent and before you can move
                                  question to answer."
adder, you will be given a
  180 FORX=1T018: READY: SOUND1,-15, Y, 3: NEXTX
  190 COLOUR131:COLOUR1:PRINT"Please wait for the main
program to load"
  200 VDU23,230,195,195,195,255,195,195,255,195
  210 VDU23,231,2,14,30,58,251,111,199,7
  220 VDU23,232,0,0,0,0,0,0,128,128
  230 VDU23,233,0,0,0,0,7,15,28,63
  240 VDU23,234,0,0,0,0,248,252,206,63
  250 VDU23,235,195,255,195,195,255,195,195,195
  260 VDU23,236,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0
  270 VDU23,237,192,224,224,244,192,128,192,96
  280 VDU23,238,28,15,8,24,16,16,16,0
  290 VDU23,239,14,252,4,6,2,2,2,0
  300 VDU23,240,96,124,44,6,6,6,3,3
  310 VDU23,241,0,1,2,2,2,1,0,0,
  320 VDU23,242,0,224,16,16,16,224,0,0
  330 VDU23,243,2,7,4,13,4,4,7,1
  340 VDU23,244,168,252,4,86,68,4,252,240
  350 VDU23,245,0,31,31,31,31,31,31,31,29
  360 VDU23,246,224,255,191,191,191,255,255,247
  370 VDU23,247,25,25,25,27,27,27,3,3
  380 VDU23,248,243,179,243,251,27,27,24,24
  390 VDU23,249,3,3,3,3,3,63,33,63
  400 VDU23,250,24,24,24,24,24,31,17,31
  410 VDU23,255,255,255,255,255,255,255,255
  420 REM LADDER = VDU230,10,8,235
  430 REM SNAKE = VDU231,232,10,8,8,236,237,10,8,240
  440 REM OCTOPUS = VDU233,234,10,8,8,238,239
  450 REM MONSTER = VDU243,244,10,8,8,245,246,10,8,8,24
7,248,10,8,8,249,250
  460 DATA53,61,53,61,53,69,53,69,101,97,89,81,73,69,61
  470 REM USERS WHO HAVE BOTH DISC AND ECONET FITTED S
HOULD CHANGE THIS LINE TO PAGE=%1900 SO THAT IT WILL R
UN FROM DISC
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Listing 2 - CHAINed by Listing 1

480 CHAIN

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10 REM ** LADDERS - part 2 of Snakes and Ladders **
                                    1984 **
       REM ** S.W.Lucas
   20
   30 ON ERROR RUN
   40 MODE1: Y=1:U%=0:V%=0:VDU19,0,7,0,0,0,19,1,6,0,0,0
,19,2,1,0,0,0,19,3,4,0,0,0:GCOL0,1:FORY%=0TO800STEP300:
FORX%=0T0800STEP300
   50 MOVEXX, 150+Y%: MOVEXX, Y%: PLOT85, X%+150, 150+Y%: PLO
T85, XX+150, YX: MOVEXX+150, YX+150: MOVEXX+150, YX+300: PLOT8
5, X%+300, Y%+150: PLOT85, X%+300, Y%+300: NEXTX%, Y%
   60 MOVEO, 0: DRAW900, 0: DRAW900, 900: DRAW0, 900: DRAW0, 0
   70 VDU5:GCOL0,2:MOVE620,100:PRINT1:MOVE640,250:PRINT
12: MOVE640, 400: PRINT13: MOVE640, 550: PRINT24: MOVE640, 700:
PRINT25: MOVE640,860: PRINT36: VDU4
   80 PRINTTAB(29,30) "Start"; :PRINTTAB(29,6) "End":PROCs
   90 PROCman(0,1024,3):PRINTTAB(6,1)"Snakes & Ladders"
:PROCman (800, 1024, 3)
  100 TIME=0:REPEAT UNTILTIME>100::PRINTTAB(6,1)SPC(16)
:PRINTTAB(34,8) "You":PROCcrab(1280,800,2):PRINTTAB(35,1
Ø) "Me": PROCman (1200,700,2)
  110 REPEAT: PROCme
  120 IFV%>1THENPROCerase (825,140,0)
  130 IFV%=36THEN180
  140 PRINTTAB (30,22) "HIT A KEY": A=GET: PRINTTAB (30,22) S
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That family favourite, Snakes and Ladders, written for the BBC and Electron computers by Steve Lucas

BBC AND

This is a computerised version of the familiar board game in which the object is to move your piece to the top right hand location on the board. Your opponent is the computer.

If you land on a snake, you will move down and if you land on a ladder you will move up.

If, however, you land on a square which has both snake and a ladder you will be given a simple sum to do and, depending on your answer, you will move up or down.

The computer cheats... it always moves up!

Listing 1 defines the characters and envelopes and gives brief instructions and CHAINs the main program, Listing 2.

• Disc users see line 470 of Listing 1

How it works
listing 1
50-80 define envelopes
100-120 disable break and
escape keys
130-180 instructions
190-460 define user-defined
characters
460 DATA for music

460 DATA for music 480 LOADS main program PC10 150 PROCyou 160 IFU%>1THENPROCerase (750,140,0) 170 PRINTTAB(30,22) "HIT A KEY": A=GET: PRINTTAB(30,22) S 180 UNTILU%>350RV%>35 190 IFU%>35THENPROCwin ELSEPROClose 200 END 210 DEFPROCsnake (X%, Y%, Z%) 220 VDU5:GCOL0, Z%:MOVEX%, Y%: VDU231, 232, 10, 8, 8, 236, 237 ,10,8,240,4:ENDPROC 230 DEFPROCladder (X%, Y%) 240 VDU5:6COL0,2:MOVEX%,Y%:VDU230,10,8,235,4:ENDPROC 250 DEFPROCman (X%, Y%, Z%) 260 VDU5:MOVEX%,Y%:GCOL0,Z%::VDU243,244,10,8,8,245,24 6,10,8,8,247,248,10,8,8,249,250,4:ENDPROC 270 DEFPROCs1 280 RESTORE360:FORX=1T011:READX%,Y%:PROCsnake(X%,Y%,2):NEXT Snakes alive! Will you win against your computer?

570 IFP%=0THENPROCdown ELSEIFP%=1THENPROCup 580 IFP=10RQ=1THENRESTORE600:FORX=1TOUX:READX%,Y%:NEX T:PROCerase(X%-75,Y%,Z%):RESTORE600:FORX=1TOY:READX%,Y% :NEXT:PROCcrab(X%,Y%,3) :U%=Y:PROCs1 590 ENDPROC

600 DATAB25,140,675,140,525,140,375,140,225,140,75,14 0,75,290,225,290,375,290,525,290,675,290,825,290,825,44 0,675,440,525,440,375,440,225,440,75,440,75,590,225,590 ,375,590,525,590,675,590,825,590

610 DATA825,740,675,740,525,740,375,740,225,740,75,74 0,75,890,225,890,375,890,525,890,675,890,825,890 620 DATA75,740,825,890,675,890,525,890,375,890,225,89 0,75,890

630 DEFPROCCH

640 P=1:IFY=3THENY=10 ELSEIFY=8THENY=20 ELSEIFY=14THE NY=23 ELSEIFY=18THENY=31 ELSEIFY=22THENY=27 ELSEIFY=25T HENY=36 ELSEP=0

650 Q=1:IFY=8THENY=4 ELSEIFY=14THENY=12 ELSEIFY=15THE NY=2 5LSEIFY=29THENY=21 ELSEIFY=34THENY=23 ELSEQ=0

290 FORY%=480T0800STEP50:PROCladder(20,Y%):NEXT:FORY% =300T0560STEP50:PROCladder(170,Y%):NEXT:FORY%=700T0800S TEP50: PROC1 adder (770, Y%): NEXT: FORY%=100TO200STEP50: PROC ladder (470, Y%): NEXT 300 FORY%=400T0500STEP50:PROCladder (620,Y%):NEXT:FORY %=550T0650STEP50:PROCladder (470,Y%):NEXT

310 ENDPROC

320 DEFPROCerase (X%, Y%, Z%)

330 VDU5:GCOL2, Z%:MOVEX%, Y%: VDU255, 255, 10, 8, 8, 255, 255 ,10,8,8,255,255,10,8,8,255,255,4:ENDPROC

340 DEFPROCCrab (X%, Y%, Z%)

350 VDU5: MOVEX%-75, Y%: GCOL0, Z%: VDU233, 234, 10, 8, 8, 238, 239,4: ENDPROC

360 DATA270,190,500,800,550,720,600,640,550,350,600,2 70,650,190,180,720,230,640,280,560,730,350

370 DEFPROCME

380 PROCs1 : IFV%=10RV%=30RV%=50RV%=70RV%=90RV%=110RV% =130RV%=150RV%=170RV%=190RV%=210RV%=230RV%=250RV%=270RV %=290RV%=310RV%=350RV%=37THEN Z%=ØELSEZ%=1

390 RESTORE600:FORX=1TOV%:READX%,Y%:NEXT:PROCerase(X% , YX, Z%)

400 PRINTTAB(30,15); SPC10; TAB(30,17); SPC8

410 P%=2:PROCthrow("I ")

420 V%=V%+Y: IFV%>35THENV%=36

430 RESTORE600:FORX=1TOV%:READX%,Y%:NEXT:PROCman(X%,Y %,3) :PROCs1

440 Y=V%:PROCch :IFV%/2=INT(V%/2)THENZ%=1ELSEZ%=0 450 IFP=10RQ=1THENRESTORE600: FORX=1TOV%:READX%,Y%:NE

XT:PROCerase(X%, Y%, Z%):RESTORE600:FORX=1TOY:READX%, Y%:N EXT: PROCman (X%, Y%, 3) : V%=Y: PROCs1

460 ENDPROC

470 DEFPROCthrow(A\$)

480 SOUND1,3,30,30:Y=RND(6):PRINTTAB(6,1);A\$;" threw "Y: ENDPROC

490 DEFPROCyou

500 PROCs1 : IFU%=10RU%=30RU%=50RU%=70RU%=90RU%=110RU% =130RU%=150RU%=170RU%=190RU%=210RU%=230RU%=250RU%=270RU %=290RU%=310RU%=350RU%=37THEN Z%=0ELSEZ%=1

510 RESTORE600:FORX=1TDU%:READX%,Y%:NEXT:PROCerase(X% -75, Y%, Z%)

520 PROCthrow("You")

530 U%=U%+Y: IFU%>35THENU%=36

540 RESTORE600:FORX=1TOUX:READXX,YX:NEXT:PROCcrab(XX, Y%,3) :PROCs1

550 Y=U%: PROCch : IFU%/2=INT (U%/2) THENZ%=1ELSEZ%=0

560 IFP=10RQ=1THENPROCquestion

How it works listing 2

30 disables escape 40-80 draw board 90 draw pieces

100 draw crab

110-190 main control loop

210-220 draw snake 230-240 draw ladder

250-260 draw man 270-310 fill board

320-330 erase 340-360 draw crab

370-460 my go

470-480 throw

490-590 your go

600-620 data for board

630-660 check board

670-710 win game

720-750 lose game

760-820 set question

830-870 go down snake

880-820 go up ladder

Variables

X%, Y% co-ordinates for plotting

Z% colour

A\$ messages

V% location on board

X,Y counting loops

0% computer's board location

AA input for answer to question H,G random number for questions

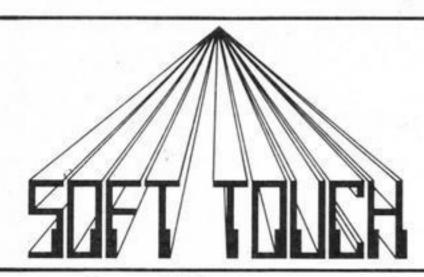
Hints on conversion

It would be very difficult to convert this program to run on any other computer. The graphics would need conversion. PROCedures would have to be replaced by subroutines, REPEAT... UNTIL loops would need replacing by conditional GOTOs, calls to the operating system (*FS calls) would have to be converted to machine-specific POKEs.

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Listing 1 — defines characters and so on and must be typed in first

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10 POKE36879,109:POKE36869,255:POKE56,28:POKE52,28
 20 PRINT" TROOF FROG RUNNER
 30 PRINT" # 1984"
 100 PRINT" AND DEDDEPLEASE WAIT."
 110 FORT=7168T07679
 120 READA: B=B+A: POKET, A: NEXT
 125 IFB<>60777THENSTOP
 130 FORT=680T0747
 140 READA: B=B+A: POKET, A: NEXT
 145 IFBC)68207THENSTOP
 150 FORT=300T0393
 160 READA: B=B+A: POKET, A: NEXT
 165 IFBC>80675THENSTOP
 500 DATA0,66,129,153,90,60,60,60,24,36,36,66,66,36,0,0,0,0,36,66,66,36,36,24
 501 DATA60,60,60,90,153,129,66,0,48,72,7,31,31,7,72,48,0,24,100,128,128,100,24,
 502 DATA0,24,38,1,1,38,24,0,12,18,224,248,248,224,18,12,66,153,126,60,60,90,153
 503 DATA129,153,90,60,60,126,153,66,67,164,56,126,126,56,164,67,194,37,28,126
 504 DATA126,28,37,194
 505 REM FROG
 510 DATA255, 255, 243, 192, 60, 255, 255, 255, 255, 255, 243, 196, 1, 63, 255, 255
 511 DATA255, 255, 255, 243, 252, 255, 255, 255, 255, 255, 243, 192, 12, 63, 255, 255
 512 DATA255,255,63,79,31,255,255,255
 513 REM SNAKE
 520 DATA 252,240,192,128,128,0,0,0,63,15,3,1,1,0,0,0,255,255,255,255,255,255,255
5,255
 530 DATA63,83,92,139,140,83,92,63,255,51,204,51,204,51,204,255
 531 DATA252,50,206,51,205,50,206,252
 532 REM LOGS
 540 DATA255,128,191,191,191,191,128,255,224,46,189,185,185,189,46,224
 541 DATA120,51,127,206,206,127,51,120,0,142,228,63,63,228,142,0
 542 DATA7, 117, 189, 191, 191, 189, 117, 7, 255, 85, 85, 255, 255, 85, 85, 255
 543 DATA7, 126, 243, 243, 243, 126, 7, 248, 62, 231, 231, 231, 231, 62, 248
544 REM TRAFFIC
 550 DATA 0,0,0,153,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
551 REM ROAD LINES
 560 DATA192,144,25,19,21,11,15,7,3,9,152,200,168,208,240,224,7,3,7,13,12,56,68,
 561 DATA224, 192, 224, 176, 48, 28, 34, 0
 562 REM FROG HOME
 570 DATA129,102,60,94,94,60,102,129,195,231,126,36,36,126,231,195
 571 REM TURTLE/SPLAT
 580 DATA0,0,68,210,110,238,255,255,255,253,190,41,52,68,0,0
 581 REM GRASS
 590 DRTA0,151,146,146,242,146,146,151,0,87,85,85,87,84,84,116,0,0,24,24,0,24,24
 591 REM "UP"/"HI"
 600 DATA60,98,160,160,174,162,102,58,56,100,162,162,190,162,162,226
 601 DATA194,162,182,170,162,162,162,226,254,162,168,184,168,160,162,254
610 DATA254,138,138,138,138,138,138,254,28,52,20,20,20,20,20,62
611 DATA254, 10, 10, 254, 160, 160, 162, 254, 254, 138, 42, 58, 42, 10, 138, 254
612 DATA60,84,148,246,20,20,20,28,254,160,160,254,10,10,138,254
613 DATA254,162,160,190,162,162,162,254,254,138,10,10,10,10,10,14
614 DATA254, 162, 162, 190, 162, 162, 162, 254, 254, 138, 138, 250, 10, 10, 138, 254
615 REM 1234567890
 620 DATA56,100,162,162,162,162,100,56,226,162,162,84,84,84,40,56
 621 DATA252, 162, 162, 188, 168, 164, 162, 226
 622 REM "OVER"
630 DATA129,90,44,126,44,90,129,0,128,88,44,124,44,88,128,0,128,64,32,96,32,64,
128,0
631 REM TIMER
640 DATA173,4,144,208,251,169,43,141,37,145,169,66,141,36,145,169,1,141
 641 DATA94,3,120,169,3,141,21,3,169,93,141,20,3,88,96,162,0
642 DATA240,18,206,94,3,169,78,205,4,144,208,251,169,13,141,15,144
 643 DATA76,21,235,169,1,141,94,3,169,109,141,15,144,76,191,234
 644 REM SCREEN SPLIT
650 DATA165,1,133,251,165,2,24,105,120,133,252,162,20,160,0,177,1,72,200,177,1,
136,145
651 DATA1, 200, 104, 145, 1, 136, 177, 251, 72, 200, 177, 251, 136, 145, 251, 104, 200, 145, 251,
202,16
652 DATA226,96,165,1,133,251,165,2,24,105,120,133,252,162,20,160,20,177,1,72,20
 653 DATA136,145,1,200,104,145,1,136,177,251,72,200,177,251,136,145,251,104,200,
145,251
 654 DATA136,136,202,16,224,96
 655 PRINT" POKE198, 10: POKE631, 131: END
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Your job is to guide the frog, using cursor keys for left and right and A and Z for up and down, through the four-lane motorway and across the river to the frog ponds beyond.

The basic rules are: avoid cars, lorries, catseyes, snakes and yellow frogs; catch cyan frogs, logs and turtles. And keep moving, otherwise you will dehydrate.

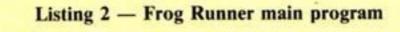
There are seven levels of play. The more difficult levels have fewer logs and turtles, more traffic and faster action.

Bonuses are awarded for landing on cyan frogs (frogs on logs), landing next to yellow frogs (in ponds) and getting all five ponds filled.

You have five lives and can lose them by hitting traffic, snakes, river banks at the top, yellow frogs, wrapping around the screen, dehydrating and falling into the river.

Your status is shown on the bottom two lines: hi-score, l

nd it's time you





Main variables

- A current snake position
- B 197 (keyboard scan) C 30720 (see Hints on conversion)
- D loop variable
- E 300, used in SYS calls
- F 346, used in SYS calls
- G 8159 and current end of timer
- H high score
- I PEEK of second frog character
- J current frog position K PEEK of second frog colour
- L frog jumping character 1
- M PEEK of current frog colour
- N frog stationary character
- O current frog position P PEEK of 197 (key pressed)
- Q PEEK of frog position
- R frog jumping character 2
- S score
- T delay loop
- U centre of screen
- V 36878 (volume)
- W number of frogs home
- X delay factor
- Y flag to animate snake
- Z flag for new frog position (start)
- FNA(X) produces a random number between 0 and X

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0 GOSUB49
  ME=5:X=30:GOSUB50:GOT060
  IFZTHENM=PEEK(J+C):Q=PEEK(J):Z=0
 3 POKEJ,Q:POKEJ+C,M:IFJKUTHENJ=J+1:IFQ=37THENJ=J-2
 4 POKE2, 30: POKE1, 44: SYSF: POKE1, 88: SYSE: POKE1, 132: SYSF: POKE1, 176: SYSE
 5 POKE2,31:POKE1,8:SYSF:POKE1,52:SYSE:POKE1,96:SYSF:POKE1,140:SYSE:Q=PEEK(J):M=
PEEK(J+C):POKEJ,N:POKEJ+C,5
 6 FORT=1TOX:NEXT:P=PEEK(B):IFP=17THENO=-22:R=1:L=0:N=8:S=S+10:GOSUB40:GOTO11
 7 IFP=33THEN0=22:R=2:L=3:N=9:G0T011
  IFP=31THEN0=-1:R=5:L=4:N=10:G0T011
 9 IFP=23THEN0=1:R=6:L=7:N=11:G0T011
 10 GOT013
 11 POKEJ,R: I=PEEK(J+0):K=PEEK(J+0+C):POKEJ+0,L:POKEJ+0+C,5:FORT=180T0200:POKEV-
 12 POKEJ,Q:POKEJ+C,M:J=J+O:POKEJ,I:POKEJ+C,K:J=J+O:POKEV-2,0:Z=1:Q=PEEK(J):M=PE
 13 IFPEEK(G)(63THENPOKEG, PEEK(G)+1:GOT015
 14 POKEG,32:G=G-1:IFG(8142G0T030
   IFJ>UANDQ<>19THENIFQ<>32G0T030
 16 IFJKUTHENIFQ=32G0T030
 17 IFJ>7723G0T025
 18 IFQC>18ANDQC>17THENM=5:G0T030
 19 IFQ=18THENJ=J-1:IFPEEK(J)=9THENFORT=1T020:S=S+56:POKEV-2,150:POKEJ+C,FNR(7):
GOSUB40:POKEV-2,0:NEXT
 20 POKEJ,33:POKEJ+1,34:POKEJ+22,35:POKEJ+23,36:POKEJ+C,5:POKEJ+C+1,5:POKEJ+C+22
,5:POKEJ+C+23,5:W=W+1
 21 FORT=GT08141STEP-1:POKET,61:POKET,62:POKET,63:POKET,32:S=S+10:POKEV-2,130:GO
SUB40: POKEV-2, 0: NEXT
 22 IFWC5THENJ=8130:Z=1:G0T033
 23 IFX>5THENX=X-5:W=0:FORT=7682T07698STEP4:POKET,17:POKET+1,18:POKET+22,32:POKE
 24 FORTT=240T0140STEP-7:POKEV-2,TT:NEXT:S=S+100:GOSUB40:NEXT:POKEV-2,0:GOSUB50:
G0T033
 25 IFYTHENPOKEA, 14:POKEA+1, 15:POKEA+2, 16:Y=0:GOTO2
 26 POKEA, 19: A=A+1: POKEA, 12: POKEA+1, 13: Y=1: IFA>7919THENPOKEA, 19: POKEA+1, 19: A=U
 27 IFQ<>8G0T02
 28 FORT=2T010:FORTT=230T0150STEP-T:POKEV-2,TT:NEXT:S=S+504:GOSUB40:NEXT:POKEV-2
 29 Q=21:M=3:POKEJ,Q:POKEJ+C,M:GOTO2
 30 POKEJ,38:FORT=220T0140STEP-2:POKEV-4,T:POKEV-2,T:POKEJ+C,FNA(7):NEXT:POKEV-4
.0:POKEV-2.0
32 FORT=1T0400:NEXT:POKEJ,Q:POKEJ+C,M:Z=1:POKE8161,PEEK(8161)-1:ME=ME-1:IFME=0G
34 T=7812+FNA(22): IFPEEK(T)=21THENPOKET,8:POKET+C,5
 35 T=7680+FNA(22):IFPEEK(T)=17THENPOKET,9:POKET+C,7
 36 GOT02
 37 IFX(6THENPRINTSPC(18)" ■TV":RETURN
 38 IFXC16THENPRINT" ■ TUV ■ MTUV":RETURN
39 PRINT" TUUUUV MTUUV MTUUV": RETURN
41 FORT=8167T08172:POKET, M:NEXT:FORT=1T0199:NEXT:RETURN
42 PRINT"TIMMS GO FOR RUNNER LEVELWAT": FORT=2T017: PRINTSPC(T)7-(X/5): NEXT
43 FORT=1T099:POKE646,RND(1)*7:GOSUB40:NEXT:RETURN
44 IFXC12THENPRINTA$"氧[\\ 兩[\\ ▲]↑ 解[\\ 總]↑ 關]↑":RETURN
45 IFX<26THENPRINTA$"% [\\\\\ #]↑
                                    mENN": RETURN
                          +":RETURN
46 PRINTA$"⊾[NMS
                   11+
47 IFXC16THENPRINTA$"$ [\\\ #]↑ $ [\\\ L\ ]↑":RETURN
                      MESSSS": RETURN
48 PRINTA$"□ 1↑ M1↑
49 FORT=828T0895:POKET, PEEK (T-148):NEXT:SYS828:B=197:RETURN
50 GOSUB42:PRINT"TMSSQRSSQRSSQRSSQRSSQRSS":C=30720
52 GOSUB37:PRINT"XDDDDTTC.XXTX
                               85/37/N/.37/"
                                                                WITHIR ": GO
53 IFX>20THENPRINTSPC(FNA(9))"XATUUUUUUUUUV":PRINT"X
                                                    SELECTION ST.
T055
54 PRINTSPC(FNA(15)) "XATUVTUV": PRINT "X000000". IT.
                                                 BE2"
55 PRINT"
MYZ"
57 PRINT"
             #AX MYZ":GOSUB44:PRINTA$SPC(4)"MX
                                                      myZ.
####### S"#", "前> #"H"效": RETURN
60 V=36878:POKEV,15:PRINT" 知成成 DDDDD - . /N:;/(":POKE646,FNA(7):IFPEEK(B)=64G0T06
                           ":W=0:U=7900:A=U:FORM=57T049STEP-1:G0SUB41:NEXT:M=
61 PRINT "MINIMODDED!
32:GOSUB41
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62 F=346:E=300:G=8159:J=8130:N=8:S=0:M=5:G0T02

VIC-20 PROGRAM

score, lives and moisture left. Two features not normally found are included for ease of play:

 A carefully timed jump will clear any oncoming traffic up to

Hints on conversion

Conversion would be difficult but not impossible, given the control characters, POKE numbers and a suitable routine for scrolling the screen. The POKEs are:

646 character (cursor) colour 36878 volume 36874-36877 voices

36869,255 switches in defined characters with normal characters if reverse text is used

7680-8185 screen locations 38400-38906 equivalent colour locations

30720 difference between the above two

7168-7679 contain hi-res DATA 680-747 contain screen-split code during loading

825-895 contain screen split code after loading

300-393 contain scrolling code 1-2 contain address of line to be scrolled

≱----CURSOR HOME NH---CURSOR RIGHT ■H----CURSOR LEFT XH----CURSOR DOWN T----CURSOR UP #---NORMAL CHARS ■----USER CHARS ■----BLACK **≒**----WHITE RED(POUND SIGN) ----CYAN -----PURPLE ----BLUE M-----YELLOW

Your guide to the Commodore control characters used in the program

There are many hazards to face between you and your frog pond.Peter Berrecloth has packed a lot of features into Frog Runner

two characters long

 The snake will not notice you unless you move, but don't stay still for too long. Keep an eye on the timer.

As expected, a game such as this requires lots of those dreaded DATA statements. These are included in a separate program which must be LOADed first.

A checksum is included to trap errors, but no crashes will occur with the first program anyway.

> How it works main program

2-3 display frog and scroll is on a log or turtle

4-5 scroll cars and logs

6-10 get key pressed

11-12 frog jump and sound 13-14 update and check timer

15-16 check for frog collisions 17-20 frog home and bonus check

21 bonus for time left

22-24 check for five frogs home and increase speed

25-26 draw snake

27-29 frog on log collision

30-32 lose a life routine

33-36 rest timer and plot random frogs

40 display score

41 countdown to start

42-48 alter layout of screen depending on level

49 relocate machine code to cassette buffer at 828-895 and start up screen-split routine

50-58 set up screen and variables

59-60 game over routine

The DATA is in three parts: user-defined characters, screen split and scroll routines. The characters are explained so that any corruption of graphics can be traced.

After the first program has been RUN successfully, SAVE it to tape.

Then type in the second part. Do not RUN it yet as line 49 could cause a fatal crash.

After entering, this part must be SAVEd to tape following the first part. Many lines in the program must be abbreviated (? for PRINT and so on) to enable them to be entered. Your manual explains the abbreviations of keywords.

If the LOADing is successful, GAME OVER will appear. Hit

any key to start.

I think this game contains enough features to keep it interesting. The level may be changed by altering X in line 1 of the main program. Try 50 if life is not too hard.

Look for scores of 150,000-plus, without cheating. Happy frog running.

Note: continuous RUN/STOP restoring of the program will cause errors in the machine code, so avoid this.

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Battletank 32K BBC £7.95

Superior Software, Dept C, Ground Floor, Regent House, Skinner Lane, Leeds LS7 1AX

This is the BBC version of the well known arcade game Battlezone. The graphics and nearly colourless display make the game look very similar.

If you've never seen Battlezone here's a description: you are the tank gunner and you must seek out and destroy the enemy tanks. You view through your periscope and find enemy tanks on your radar. On radar the enemy tank appears to jump around — this is distracting.

This game could be very good if it weren't for the movement. The area moves character by character, making sighting very difficult. Unlike the arcade game the enemy is always the same, which becomes monotonous after a while.

Improvements such as a high score table could improve this game, and it is unusual to find a game without one. However, the graphics are good and the game is testing. I did notice one small bug: after losing a life, a flashing line sometimes appears across the bottom of the screen. This shouldn't put anyone off.

Usual superior software cover, flashy picture. Reasonable instructions, and reasonable overall.

instructions	80%
playability	65%
graphics	75%
value for money	75%

Positron BBC B £6.95

Micro Power, 8/8a Regent St, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7 4PE

Well, once again the very old theme of Space Invaders hence no surprises. I must admit there are still plenty who want to play this type of arcade game. Just recently at a school fête one of the most popular items was the computer games and, significantly, the invader game still seemed to be raking in the money! I suspect the computer is bringing respectability to the arcade game tarnished by its association with seaside resorts and seedy amusement arcades.

So, if there's still money to be made they will still be produced. On with the game itself. This version is very colourful and noisy. You play it from the keyboard and it's very fast. There are one or two variations: you must hit the mother ship after the final wave to be able to move on and you have no laser defences. This is no great loss.

Nice attention to detail makes this game a very good one. A high score table is included to record the top eight scores. Different invaders have imaginative names: "Spazmoid" and "Bumfluff" are two of my favourites.

M.P.

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alue for money	80%

Boris in the Underworld BBC 32K £7.95

Superior, Regent House, Skinner Lane, Leeds LS7 1AX

Boris is a funny looking fellow, who has had his home raided by the creatures of the underworld. They steal most of his possessions, and the unforgiving Boris decides to venture underground in the hope of retrieving his valuables.

Boris can move in four ! directions and has a rapid-fire laser cannon. A joystick can be used with the game, which in my view aids play. As soon as the game starts the underworld creatures start rushing towards you, and you must start firing straight away. This is nothing like a 'shoot 'em out of the sky' game, but never the less, the creatures move like those in the 2 legendary Space Invaders. The sound is identical and the more you shoot the harder it is to outrun them. When you have finished them all off one of Boris's possessions appears on the screen.

In the later stages, indestructible discs start appearing on the screen. This considerably slows down the process of killing the undergrounders. These and the fiery walls which close in around you make the game almost impossible.

M.B.

instructions 70% playability 50% graphics 60% value for money 60%

Game for some fun?

Our panel star-rates the latest batch of games for the Beeb

Overdrive BBC 32K £7.95

Superior, Regent House, Skinner Lane, Leeds LS7 1AX

It's not hard to see from the cassette inlay that this game is all about motor racing. Never having seen a racing game for the BBC, and knowing of the high standard of Superior Software products, I was eagerly looking forward to this one.

On loading, the game begins straight away. Your ultimate aim is to complete all five stages of the race and then take the world drivers' championship. To complete each stage you must finish in one of the top twelve positions, which means overtaking about 50 cars.

Your car is red, and you can acelerate, decelerate and steer

left and right.

Judging from the cover I expected to be powering around bends, and overtaking cars at lightening speeds. Instead, I found myself driving along a never ending Roman road, dodging the odd car.

Overall I was extremely disappointed with this game. I know Superior can and has produced far better than this middle-of-the-road material, if you excuse the pun. This is a very drab game from a software company of whom we have come to expect more.

M.B.

instructions 65% playability 40% graphics 50% value for money 40%



Digger BBC 32K with 1.2 O.S. £6.95

Visions, 1 Felgate Mews, Studland St, London W6 9JT

Your garden is full of pests which are more interested in eating you than the grass. Equipped with a pump you can kill the pests by giving each one three quick blasts. There are two types of pests, the Red Goggle Aliens or Footas, which look like an owl, and the Green Dragons or Pubars.

You can tunnel underground, but the pests cannot. The only way they can move from tunnel to tunnel is by turning into ghosts. As the dragon moves around the tunnels it flashes for a few seconds before it breathes fire. If it is facing in your direction you will die. You can also lose a life if any of the pests catch you.

From level three onwards eight pests appear, and movement is so slow that travelling around the screen becomes a bore. From then on the difficulty never changes.

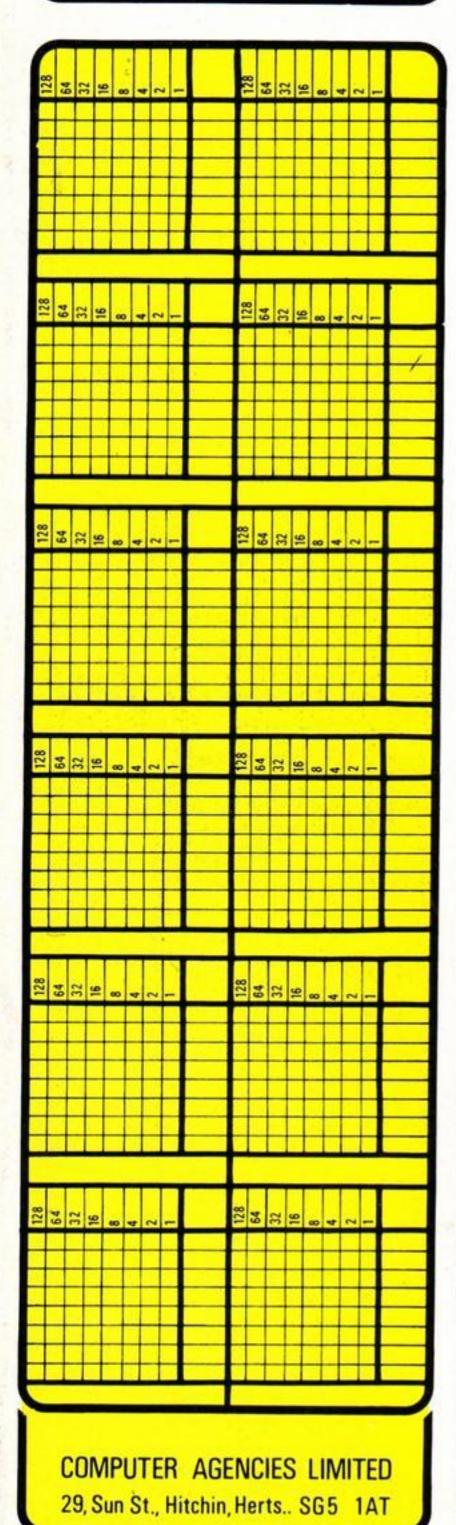
The keyboard response is sometimes terrible: I often had to press a key twice before I could make my man move.

Please remember that you can only buy this game if you have a 1.2 operating system. BBC owners who haven't will not be disappointed as they are not missing out on much. M.B.

instructions 80% playability 40% graphics 60% value for money 50%

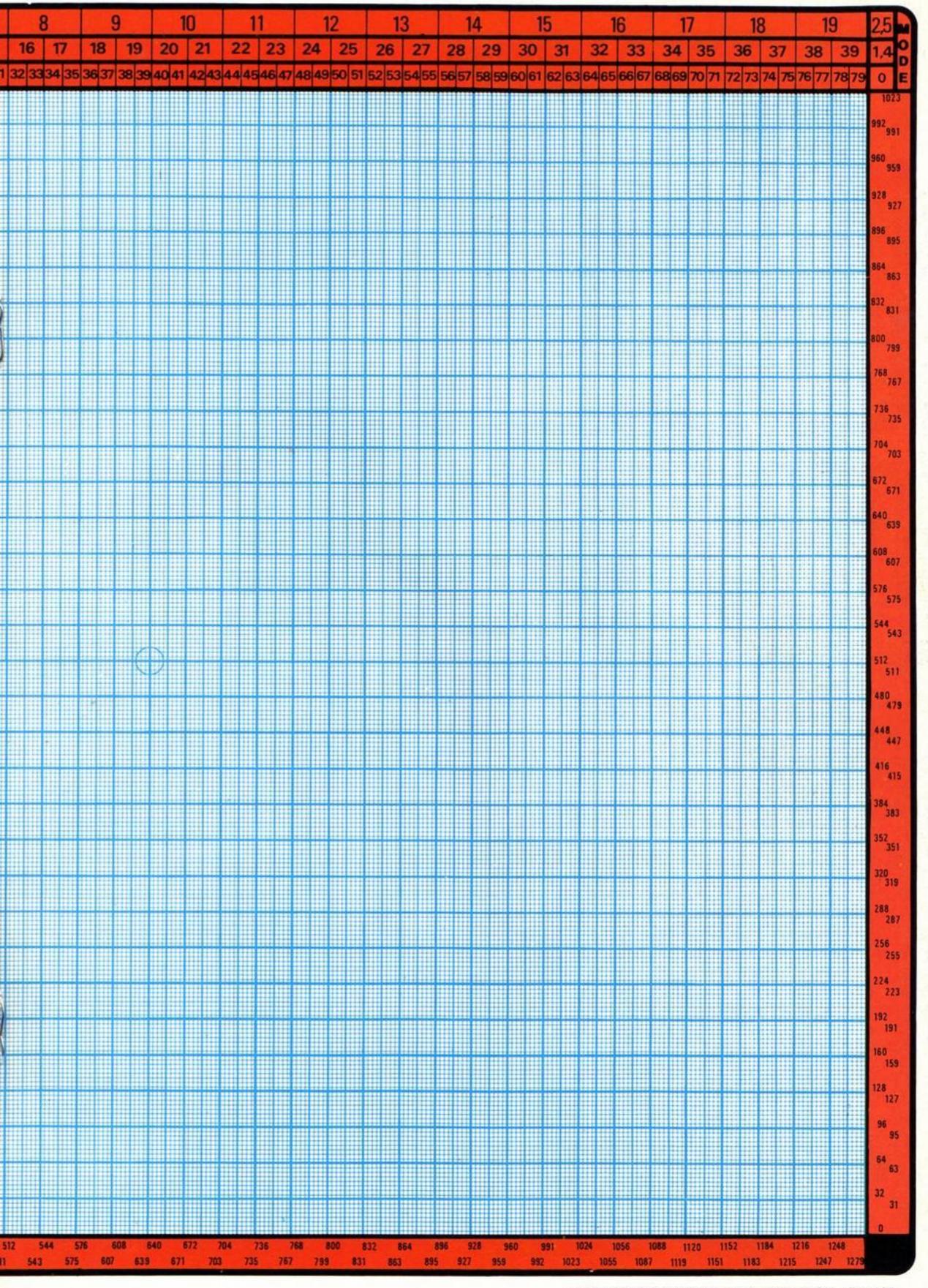






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Dragon Cruncher Dragon 32/ Tandy Colour £7.95

Elkan Electronics, 11 Bury New Rd, Prestwich, Manchester M25 8JZ

This has got to be a mutually beneficial program for these two computers. They use the same 6809 chip and this makes it easy to convert BASIC programs from one to the other, which it does quickly and efficiently. There are only a few reservations, one being that it will ignore "machine code and the contents of REM and STRINGS".

It will allow any number of programs to be converted on one loading so long as you do not RUN the program or PCLEAR

There are certainly many programs for each of the computers which can now be converted and so extend the range of available software.

A simple and effective utility that may prove a saviour for the Tandy owner who feels increasingly isolated.

M.P.

100%
100%
N/A
80%



Minitext Dragon 32 £9.95

Microplot, 19 The Earls Croft, Cheylesmore, Coventry CV3 5ES

This is an interesting utility as it has a dual purpose to fulfil as both a text editor (or small word processor) and BASIC program manipulator. It has plenty of commands, in fact probably too many to remember. They are mainly activated by pressing the 'clear' key followed by an alphabetic key with some sort of relationship to the command desired. So, for example, C centres text, L loads or joins a file to the one currently in memory and J justifies lines.

There is a command for every letter key but some are unlikely to be used regularly and are more difficult to learn. The cursor control keys have several functions including underline on the shift/cursor up which is very simple.

The problem with editing BASIC programs is that you cannot test your changes without first saving, but this is to be expected from a word processor. Another thing that is difficult to get used to is that you don't need to press 'enter' after typing a line. If you do accidentally press that key during program editing real problems can result. D.C.

instructions ease of use value for money 70% 80% 70%

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& Renum Dragon 32 £7.95/£5.95

Microplot, 19 The Earls Croft, Cheylesmore, Coventry CV3 5ES

The reason for reviewing these two programs together is that Reseq/Renum is simply a subset of Editor. These are BASIC programming utilities and allow you to manipulate programs you have recorded on tape using the CSAVE command.

The 'Reseq' command allows you to move chunks of program to a new position, valuable if you like to develop programs in small chunks ready for final assembly. 'Renum' can renumber selected program lines.

The full editor has further commands, the most useful of which is 'Merge' which will add and sort another program to the one already in memory. The 'Delete' command allows block deletion and a line joining facility helps to save memory. There is a global search and replace facility called 'Find' and a 'Copy' facility to save retyping commonly used lines.

Its biggest failing by far is that you cannot run the program whilst editing it. You must first save to cassette and then reload to test your alterations.

I cannot really see why anyone would buy the subset tape unless they need the extra memory it cleaves (just over 1K).

D.C.

instructions	80%
ease of use	70%
value for money	70%



Make more use of your micro

Useful utilities are given the once-over by our panel of experts

Autochar File TI-99/4A £4.95

Autochar File is not a game but a valuable programming aid for those who would like to devise their own games but are put off by the work involved in setting up graphics characters.

On loading this program a box is depicted on screen with a black square in it. By using the direction keys you can move around in the box and print the square by pressing the number one key. If an alteration is required a square may be deleted by pressing the number zero key.

In this way characters may be built up and when the desired format is achieved you simply press enter and the char code is

shown. A small diagram is also displayed showing the effect the character gives when printed across the entire screen.

Additional facilities are that char codes may be saved for use at a later date, enabling the user to build an entire library of character codes.

At £4.95 I think this program is invaluable to the programmer as a great effort- and time-saving device.

D.B.

instructions 90% asse of use 100% 80% value for money 90%



Music Synthesizer TI-99/4A £10

Norton, from Stainless, 10, Alstone Rd, Stockport, Cheshire SK4 5AM

This program, also available in TI BASIC, is in two parts. The first, quite large, program is the synthesizer, and the second enables you to play the music created by the first and stored on another tape as a series of data files. I don't know how it compares with the TI module which performs a similar task, but as an amateur musician who can't read a note it held my interest and taught me a thing or two — not very difficult.

Having set up sharps and flats and chosen a tempo, you are presented with a fairly complex display consisting of the treble and bass staffs: graphics representing musical notes and options for choosing one of three notes for the 'voice' with which you will 'draw' or play.

It is possible to create music using a score which you may have bought and to produce most necessary effects — you can even transpose a voice up or down. You can play all three voices or any one independently, and once edited to your satisfaction using the usual eight direction keys, you can store on tape.

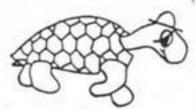
There is more to this program, and it is a very useful utility for someone who wants to produce a melody but doesn't want the chore of having to learn music in any depth.

instructions ease of use display value for money

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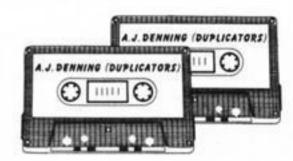
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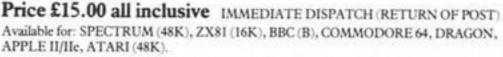
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Little Professor for the Commodore 64 utilises userdefined graphics to produce the face of the professor and provide text for the questions being set.

Sprite graphics are used to provide the title sequence and text for the mode of question

The menu at the start of the test allows the "pupils" the choice of 10 questions from one of four functions and nine skill levels. Three attempts at each question are allowed before the correct answer is given.

Upon completion of all 10 questions the menu gives the following options:

How it works

Main program 14 clear screen: border/screen black

16 check for top of memory 18 initial delay

20 load proff data from tape as

22 load proff m/c from tape as a file

24 generate AS 26 generate R\$

28 generate S\$

30-50 generate number strings

52 call m/c routine to print screen 54-74 check for keyboard entry

for function required 78-86 store sprite character set

for function set 88-94 check for keyboard entry

for skill level

102 set initial variables

104 cal. range of number and screen offset

106-116 calculate question and answer

118 check for ten answered questions

120 cal. length of answer and line length

122 m/c routine to clear working area of screen and text for function set

128 set variables

130-134 print X

142-146 print Y

148 print line

156 clear keyboard buffer

158-172 check for keyboard

160 if DEL then delete one character

162 if RETURN then execute SUM

170 print keyboard entry

182 cal. SUM of entered answer

184 check for accuracy

186-200 execute correct proced-

208-226 error routine if less than 3 incorrect

228-248 error routine if 3 incorrect

256-264 recall author's name and print

266-290 print result of test 292-310 print text for end of

of test sequence 312-330 check for keyboard entry

332 check for F1

334 check for F3

336-340 end of test

342-350 set up for re-test

Variables Data File

A read data T total of data statements read SUM sum of data statements

read A\$ keyboard entry

F1 further tests on same function

F3 change function and/or skill level

F7 select end of test

Answers should be made to each question in the same manner as "pupils" would enter them in text books. These are from right to left as units, tens, hundreds etc. Should an incorrect entry be made, the number can be deleted by pressing the DEL key and the solution to the sum is made by pressing the RETURN key.

As a hint to the solution to the correct answer the length of line under the lower figure is adjusted for each question. Also the maximum number of figures is always one greater than the correct solution.

This game is for two players, each of whom is in charge of a gun. The guns are on opposite sides of the screen, generally with some interesting terrain between them, and each player is trying to hit the other player's

Before the missile can be fired the player must decide how much powder to put in the gun, and what angle to fire at.

There is rather a lot of thought involved in the game: random shots are extremely unlikely to succeed. If there is a high hill between the guns the shots must be fired at a very steep angle (perhaps as steep as 80 degrees), and so will need a lot of powder to carry them any horizontal distance.

If one of the guns is higher than the other, the two players have completely different problems to solve. And both players must take account of the wind, which varies from shot to shot, and which can have quite a strong effect on the missiles.

Even once you become good at judging roughly what angle and powder to use, you will find that in each game you have to use a refinement technique for your shots.

Remember the wind strength on your previous shot, and what angle and powder you used, and where the shot landed; then use all of this information, along with the current wind speed, to try to get closer this time. So the game involves memory as well as mental computation or guessing.

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Little Professor DATA file

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10 REM **** LITTLE PROFESSOR DATA FILE ****
14 POKE53280,0:POKE53281,0
16 PRINTCHR#(147)CHR#(17)CHR#(17)CHR#(5)SPC(12)"LITTLE PROFESSOR"
18 PRINTCHR#(17)CHR#(17)SPC(3)"THIS BASIC PROGRAM IS USED TO"
20 PRINTCHR#(17)SPC(3)"GENERATE THE MACHINE CODE FILE"
22 PRINTCHR#(17)SPC(3)"FOR HI-RESOLUTION AND SPRITE"
24 PRINTCHR#(17)SPC(3)"GRAPHICS, SCREEN MEMORY MAP AND"
26 PRINTCHR#(17)SPC(3)"MACHINE CODE ROUTINE FOR SCREEN"
28 PRINTCHR#(17)SPC(3)"DUMP BY THE MAIN PROGRAM."
38 PRINTCHR$(17)CHR$(17)CHR$(17)SPC(3)*LORDING ...... M/C SAVE ROUTINE*
34 READA
36 IFABS
     IFABS(A)>255THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA AT LINE NUMBER :"INT(T/16)#2+116:STOP IFAO-1THENPOKE32000+T.A:T=T+1:SUM=SUM+A:GOTO34 IFSUMO83260RTO73THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA STATEMENT !!":STOP
42 PRINTCHR#(145)SPC(3)"LOADING .... HI-RES CHARACTER SET"
44 T=0:SUM=0
46 READA
48 IFABS(A)>255THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA AT LINE NUMBER :"INT(T/16)#2+134:STOP
50 IFAC-1THENPOKE32768+T, A:T=T+1:SUM=SUM+A:GOTO46
     IFSUMO 1996300RT C 2048THENPRINT "ERROR IN DATA STATEMENT !!" : STOP
52 IFSUMC 1996300RT C2048THENPRINT ERROR IN DHIM SIMILARNI
54 PRINTCHR$(145)SPC(3)"LOADING .... SPRITE CHARACTER SET"
56 T=0:SUM=0
58 READA
60 IFABS(A)>255THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA AT LINE NUMBER :"INT(T/16)#2+398:STOP
62 IFAC-1THENPOKE34816+T,A:T=T+1:SUM=SUM+A:GOT058
64 IFSUMC727680RTC1792THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA STATEMENT !!":STOP
 66 PRINTCHR#(145)SPC(3)"LORDING ...... SCREEN MEMORY MAP"
     T=0:SUM=0
72 IFABS(A)>255THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA AT LINE NUMBER :"INT(T/16)#2+630:STOP
74 IFAC-1THENPOKE36864+T.A:T=T+1:SUM=SUM+A:GOTO70
76 IFSUMC898660RTC1000THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA STATEMENT !!":STOP
 70 READA
 78 PRINTCHR#(145)SPC(3)*LOADING ..... SCREEN M/C ROUTINE*
 88 T=8:SUM=8
 84 IFABS(A)>255THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA AT LINE NUMBER :"INT(T/16)#2+764:STOP
86 IFAO-1THENPOKE38912+T.A:T=T+1:SUM=SUM+A:GOT082
88 IFSUMO540910RTO449THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA STATEMENT !!":STOP
 82 READA
 90 PRINTCHR$(145)SPC(3)" DO YOU WISH TO SAVE M/C [ Y/N ]
92 GETR$: IFA$ "Y"ANDA$ "N"THEN92
 94 PRINTCHR$(147)
 96 IFA$="N"THEN102
 98 SYS32000,32768,37888,"PROFF DATA",01
 100 SYS32000,38912,39362,"PROFF M/C",01
 102 SYS38912
  104 IFPEEK (197)=64THEN104
 108 SYS64738
  112 REM *** M/C ROUTINE TO SAVE DATA AS A FILE ON TAPE ***
 116 DATA165, 43, 133, 87, 165, 44, 133, 88, 165, 45, 133, 89, 165, 46, 133, 98
118 DATA32, 253, 174, 32, 138, 173, 32, 247, 183, 165, 20, 133, 43, 165, 21, 133
120 DATA44, 32, 253, 174, 32, 138, 173, 32, 247, 183, 165, 20, 133, 45, 165, 21
122 DATA133, 46, 32, 253, 174, 32, 86, 225, 165, 87, 133, 43, 165, 88, 133, 44
124 DATA165, 89, 133, 45, 165, 90, 133, 46, 96
  126 DATA-1
  130 REM #### CHARACTER SET DATA ####
180 DATR241,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,128,128,128,192,64,64,96
182 DATR126,102,102,230,230,230,254,0,24,24,24,56,56,56,56,6
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184 DATR254,198,6,254,224,224,254,0,254,6,6,62,14,14,254,0
186 DATR198,198,198,254,14,14,14,0,254,198,192,252,28,28,252,0
188 DATR254,198,192,254,230,230,254,0,254,198,12,24,56,56,56,0
190 DATR124,100,100,254,230,230,254,0,254,198,198,254,14,206,254,0
      DATA4, 4, 4, 12, 8, 8, 24, 16, 32, 32, 32, 48, 16, 16, 24, 6
 194 DATAB. 0.0.0.1,3.6.28,16,16,48,248,32,48,60,126
196 DATAB. 0.0.0.1,3.7,14.0.3,31,126,240,192.0.0
226 DATA48, 48, 48, 48, 48, 48, 48, 48, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12
     DATA48, 48, 48, 48, 48, 48, 240, 240, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 15, 15
248 DATR3,3,3,3,3,3,255,255,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
     DATA192,128,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,2,2,7,4,4,4,12
278 DATR48,96,192,128,0,0,0,0,16,16,16,16,16,24,8,8
280 DATR15,3,9,8,24,16,16,255,255,255,255,127,63,15,7
     DATA255,255,255,255,254,252,248,224,240,192,144,16,24,8,8,8
DATA8,8,8,8,8,24,16,16,8,8,12,4,4,6,2,2
 286 DATA16.16.24.8.8.8.8.8.3.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
288 DATR255,255,63,31,3,0,2,3,255,255,255,255,255,357,31,1
290 DATR255,255,255,255,255,255,252,128,255,255,252,248,192,0,64,192
292 DATA192.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.8.8.24.16.16.16.16.16
294 DATA255.255.255.255.255.255.255.255.16.16.48.32.32.96.64.64
296 DATA3.1.1.1.1.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.128.128.128.128
298 DATAS, 8, 12, 4, 6, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
     DATA0.128.128.192.96.48.24.14.0.1.1.3.6.12.24.112
DATA128.128.0.0.0.0.0.0.16.16.48.32.96.64.192.128
 304 DATA0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 192, 128, 128, 128, 128, 0, 0, 0
 306 DATA224,48,24,14,3,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,128,192,112
388 DATA1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,128,192,64,96,48,24,12
310 DATA3,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,192,120,15,0,0,0,0,0
 312 DATR3, 30, 240, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 192, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
324 DATAB.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.0.0.1.3.6.28.112.192
326 DATAB.192.128.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.7
328 DATAB.0.1.7.28.112.192.0.56.96.192.0.0.0.0.0.0
330 DATA60,7,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,224,62,3,0,0,0
332 DATA0,0,0,192,126,3,0,224,56,15,0,0,0,252,7
334 DATA0,0,128,254,3,0,0,255,0,0,1,63,224,0,0,255
336 DATA7.28,240,0.0.0.63,224,0.0.0.0.3,126,192,0
338 DATA0.0.7,124,192,0.0.0,126,192,128,0.0.0.0.0
 342 DATA255,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,255
     DATA255.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.255
DATA254, 254, 254, 254, 198, 198, 198, 198, 6, 6, 6, 6, 254, 254, 254, 254
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358 DATA254,254,254,254,6,6,6,6,6,6,6,6,6,6,62,62,62,62

I have found it extremely difficult to play the parts of both players: even when I do manage to remember the details of the last shots, I still seem to get confused over which was which. A beginner can even find it confusing to hear the other player thinking aloud about angles and powder.

How it works Data File

14 screen and border black 16-28 text for data file

30-40 DATA entry for m/c routine to save completed program (this routine can be used for your own use to save

m/c files) 42-52 DATA for hi-res character

54-64 DATA for sprite graphics 66-76 DATA for screen memory

78-88 DATA entry for m/c routines

90-92 check for keyboard entry'

94 clear screen

96 check for 'N'

98 m/c routne to save as a file between locations 32768 and 37887 inclusive

100 m/c routine to save as a file between locations 38912 and 39361 inclusive

102 m/c routine to display on the screen the working page for the main program

104 check for keyboard entry

108 cold start

The program is entered in two parts:

Part 1 PROFF DATA FILE (slave)

This provides the basic 'boot' for the user defined graphics, sprite graphics and machine code routines which are temporarily SAVED as a file at decimal address 32768.

The program must be entered and SAVED prior to running. Extreme care must be taken to ensure that the data is correct as a missed comma can make all the difference. Error trapping routines are provided where the mistake occurred.

When the program has been correctly entered it must be saved prior to running onto the SLAVE tape. The effect of the graphics can then be seen by running the program and when prompted to save press N to view the screen. Press any key to end.

Warning: SYS 64738 will cold start and erase your program so please SAVE first. You have been warned!

Part 2 MAIN PROGRAM (master)

This provides the working section of the completed program by loading the hi-res screen and machine code at the start. This part of the program must be typed in correctly and saved.

No attempt must be made at this stage to run this part of the program unless the DATA FILE (slave) has been previously entered and ran.

Having entered both parts of the program all that remains to be done is combine the two into one working routine.

Use the following procedure:

- Ensure that the MASTER tape which contains the main program is fully re-wound
- LOAD proff date file (slave) into memory
- Verify master tape to establish end of MAIN PROGRAM
- RUN proff data file (slave) and when prompted to SAVE press Y and the m/c section will now be LOADed onto the master tape to produce the completed copy
- When completed self LOAD by using the SHIFT and RUN/STOP keys together.

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Variables

A counter to enter files from

K number of keyboard entries T general counter

CA number of correct answers CL number of figures in correct

LL length of line indicates size of answer

OP function selected

QA number of questions answered

QT answer to question set QX, QY random values to first,

second parts of question RP repeat counter

SL range of random number SL skill level

SU sum of question by user

SA screen address

S1, S2 character stores

VR use in multiplication and division

WR number of wrong answers \$ home, cursor down * 25

R\$ cursor down, cursor left NS(x) string to print number between 0 and 9

KEYS keyboard entry

COMMODORE 64 PROGRAM

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DRTR254, 254, 254, 254, 198, 198, 198, 198, 192, 192, 192, 192, 254, 254, 254, 254
      DATR254,254,254,254,198,198,198,198,12,12,12,12,24,24,24,24
      DATA126,126,126,126,102,102,102,102,102,102,102,102,102,254,254,254,254
DATA230,230,230,230,230,230,230,230,254,254,254,254,00,0,0
DATA254,254,254,254,198,198,198,198,198,198,198,198,254,254,254,254
     DATA14,14,14,14,206,206,206,206,254,254,254,254,254,0,0,0,0
DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,255,0,0,0,0,0,0,255
DATA255,255,255,255,254,252,248,240,255,255,255,255,127,63,31,15
398
392
      DATA-1
    REM #### SPRITE DATA ####
394
     DATA27,109,128,31,109,128,27,124,224,27,124,224,27,96,48,27
DATA96,48,27,57,224,27,57,224,27,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
     DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.113, 192.0.113, 192.0.48, 199, 158, 48, 199
DATA158, 48, 192, 219, 48, 192, 219, 48, 199, 219, 48, 199, 219, 48, 204, 219
DATA48, 204, 219, 121, 231, 219, 121, 231, 219, 0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
     DATAB.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.99,126,96,99,96,96
DATAB99,96,96,107,120,96,127,96,96,119,96,96,99,126,126,0
DATAB.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
DATAB.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
     DATA96.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.96.0.120.96.0.108
DATA96.0.102.96.0.102.96.0.102.96.0.108.126.0.120.0
DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
     DATAO.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
DATAO.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
DATA102.126.96.102.126.102.110.96.102.102.96.60.102.126.0
486 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.99.0.0.99.0
488 DATA0.99.0.0.107.0.0.127.0.0.119.0.0.99.0.0
     DATA8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 126, 124, 102, 24, 102, 102

DATA24, 102, 102, 24, 124, 60, 24, 120, 24, 24, 108, 24, 24, 102, 24, 0

DATA0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 124, 60, 102, 102, 102, 118, 102

DATA102, 126, 124, 102, 126, 120, 102, 110, 108, 102, 102, 102, 60, 102, 0, 0
     DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,24,60,0,60,102
DATA0,102,96,0,126,110,0,102,102,0,102,102,0,102,60,0
502 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.60.0.0.102.0.0.96
516 DATA102.126.96.126.126.60.102.110.6.102.102.102.102.102.60.0
518 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.124.124.126.102.102.96.102
520 DATA102.96.124.124.120.120.120.96.108.108.96.102.102.126.0.0
     DATAB. 0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
 534
 538 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.24,120,120,60,108,108
 540 DATA102, 102, 102, 126, 102, 102, 102, 102, 102, 102, 108, 108, 108, 102, 120, 120, 0
 542 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
 544 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
546 DATAB.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.3.198.103.6.102.102
548 DATAB.6.102.3.198.103.0.102.102.6.102.102.3.195.199.0
 550 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
      554 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,199,231,193,97,134,99
556 DATA97,134,102,129,135,199,97,135,134,97,134,198,193,134,102,0
 558 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
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Here's proof for the family that your computer doesn't spend all its time on games. Les Allen's two-part program for the Commodore 64 uses sophisticated graphics to ask arithmetic questions

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564 DATA102,1,128,230,1,128,102,1,128,102,97,128,99,193,128,0
    DATA8.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
594 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.7.131.0.6.193
596 DATA0.6.97.0.6.97.0.6.97.0.6.193.0.7.131.0
598 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
    DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,198,99,199,134,97,134
DATA134,97,134,134,97,134,134,97,134,131,193,134,193,131,199,0
 682
614 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
     DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
 618 DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
     DATA0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
 624
 626 REM **** SCREEN MEMORY MAP ****
756 DATA-1
  760 REM #### M/C ROUTINE FOR DATA TRANSFER ####
     DATA169, 48, 133, 52, 133, 56, 162, 8, 189, 8, 128, 157, 8, 48, 189, 8
  766 DATA129, 157, 0, 49, 189, 0, 130, 157, 0, 50, 189, 0, 131, 157, 0, 51
     DATA189, 0, 132, 157, 8, 52, 189, 0, 133, 157, 0, 53, 189, 0, 134, 157
  770 DATA0,54,189,0,135,157,0,55,189,0,136,157,0,56,189,0
  772 DATA137, 157, 0, 57, 189, 0, 138, 157, 0, 58, 189, 0, 139, 157, 0, 59
  774 DATA189.0.140.157.0.60.189.0.141.157.0.61.189.0.142.157
  776 DATA0,62,232,240,3,76,8,152,169,240,45,24,208,9,12,141
  778 DATA24,288,162,0,189,0,144,[57,0,4,189,250,144,157,250,4
 780 DATA189,244,145,157,244,5,189,238,146,157,238,6,169,6,157,0
782 DATA216,157,250,216,157,244,217,157,238,218,232,224,250,240,3,76
784 DATA116,152,162,0,169,14,157,43,216,157,83,216,157,123,216,157
786 DATA163,216,157,203,216,157,243,216,232,224,34,240,3,76,166,152
788 DATA169,14,141,32,208,169,15,141,33,208,169,67,141,1,208,141
790 DATA3,208,141,5,208,141,7,208,141,9,208,141,11,208,141,13
792 DATA208,141,15,208,169,60,141,6,208,169,84,141,2,208,169,132
 794 DATA141,4,208,169,156,141,6,208,169,180,141,8,208,169,236,141
796 DATA10,208,169,4,141,12,208,169,28,141,14,208,169,1,162,0
     DATA157.39,208,232,224,8,240,3,76,16,153,169,255,141,21,208
DATA169,192,141,16,208,162,0,160,224,152,157,248,7,200,232,224
 DATA255,7,173,3,148,141,11,288,141,13,288,141,15,288,173,4
  818 DATA148, 141, 44, 208, 141, 45, 208, 141, 46, 208, 173, 5, 148, 141, 23, 208
 820 DATA96,-1
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COMMODORE 64 PROGRAM

Little Professor main program

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10 REM #### LITTLE PROFESSOR MAIN PROGRAM ####
  14 PRINTCHR#(147)CHR#(5)"LITTLE PROFESSOR" POKE53280.0 POKE53281.0
 16 IFPEEK($2) ○ 160THEN24
18 IFA=0THENA=1 FORT=1T02500 NEXT
20 IFA=1THENA=2 LOAD*PROFF DATA*,1,1
22 IFA=2THENA=3 LOAD*PROFF M/C*,1,1
  24 FORT=1T025: A$=A$+CHR$(17): NEXT: A$=CHR$(19)+A$
  26 R$=CHR$(17)+CHR$(157)
  28 S$=CHR$(32)+R$+CHR$(32)+R$+CHR$(32)+R$+CHR$(32)
  30 N$(0)=CHR$(18)+CHR$(212)+R$+CHR$(213)+R$+CHR$(214)+R$+CHR$(215)
  32 N#(1)=CHR#(18)+CHR#(216)+R#+CHR#(217)+R#+CHR#(218)+R#+CHR#(219)
 34 N#(2)=CHR#(18)+CHR#(220)+R#+CHR#(221)+R#+CHR#(222)+R#+CHR#(223)
36 N#(3)=CHR#(18)+CHR#(224)+R#+CHR#(225)+R#+CHR#(226)+R#+CHR#(227)
38 N#(4)=CHR#(18)+CHR#(228)+R#+CHR#(229)+R#+CHR#(230)+R#+CHR#(231)
48 N#(5)=CHR#(18)+CHR#(232)+R#+CHR#(233)+R#+CHR#(234)+R#+CHR#(235)
48 N#(6)=CHR#(18)+CHR#(236)+R#+CHR#(237)+R#+CHR#(238)+R#+CHR#(239)
49 N#(7)=CHR#(18)+CHR#(240)+R#+CHR#(241)+R#+CHR#(242)+R#+CHR#(243)
  46 N$(8)=CHR$(18)+CHR$(244)+R$+CHR$(245)+R$+CHR$(246)+R$+CHR$(247)
 48 N$(9)=CHR$(18)+CHR$(248)+R$+CHR$(249)+R$+CHR$(250)+R$+CHR$(251)
      SYS38912:RP=0
      SA=1689:S1=6:S2=49
 54 GETKEY# IFKEY#() "THENOP=RSC(KEY#)
56 IFRP=5THENSA=1689 S1=32 S2=32 S3=49
58 IFRP=10THENS1=6:S2=49
60 IFRP=15THENSA=1729:S1=32:S2=32:S3=51
62 IFRP=20THENS1=6:S2=51
64 IFRP=25THENSA=1769:S1=32:S2=32:S3=53
      IFRP=30THENS1=6: S2=53
      IFRF=35THENSA=1889:S1=32:S2=32:S3=55
      IFRP=40THENS1=6:S2=55:RP=0
  72 POKESA, S1 POKESA+1, S2
 74 IFOP(1330R0P)136THENRP=RP+1:G0T054
 76 POKESA.6: POKESA+1.83: RP=0
78 POKE37891.44: POKE37892.6: POKE37893.224
80 IFOP=133THENPOKE37888.251: POKE37889.241: POKE37890.251
 82 IFOP=134THENPOKE37888,242 POKE37889,243 POKE37890,244
84 IFOP=135THENPOKE37888,245 POKE37889,246 POKE37890,247
      IFOP=136THEMPOKE37888,248 POKE37889,249 POKE37890,250
      GETKEY$ SL=VAL(KEY$)
      IFRP=10THENPOKE1972,32:POKE1974,32:POKE1975,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE1971,32:PUKE197
 96
98
      :REM **** RANDOM NUMBERS ****
 100
       CR=0: QR=8: VR=SL: NR=0: IFOP=1330R0P=134THENVR=1
 102
 184
       SK=101SOR(SL):0S=INT(SL/3)
        QX=INT(RND(1)*SK)
 196
       OY=INT(RND(1)*SK/VR)+1
       IFOP=133THENGT=0X+0Y
        IFOP=134THENQT=0X-0Y:IFQT<0THEN106
       IFOP=135THENGT=0X#GY
       IFOP=136THEN0T=INT(0X/0Y):0X=0Y*0T
 118 0A=0A+1: IF0A>10THEN252
 128 CL=LEN(STR$(QT)):LL=CL*2-3
        SYS39232 SYS39312
 124 REM #### PRINT X ####
       K=0:L1=LL:XX=0:YY=0:XT=0
        X1=X-(INT(X/10)*10):X=(X-XI)/10:XX=XX+1
 134 PRINTLEFT$(A$,10)SPC(33+0S-XX*2)CHR$(31)N$(X1):IFX(>0THEN132
 138 REM #### PRINT Y ####
 140
 144 Y1=Y-(INT(Y/18)*10):Y=(Y-Y1)/10:YY=YY+1
 146 PRINTLEFT$(A$,15)SPC(33+0S-YY*2)N$(Y1):1FYC)@THEN144
 148 PRINTLEFT#(A#,19)SPC(32+0S-L1)CHR#(18)CHR#(210):L1=L1-1:IFL1<>0THEN148
       REM #### KEYBOARD ENTRY ####
 154
 156 POKE198, 8
 158 GETKEY$
168 IFKEY$=CHR$(28)ANDK)OTHENPRINTLEFT$(A$,28)SPC(33+0S-K*2)CHR$(146)S$:K=K-1
162 IFKEY$=CHR$(13)ANDK>0THEN180
164 IFKEY$=""ORKEY$("0"ORKEY$)"9"THEN158
166 K=K+1:IFK(CL+1THENN=VAL(KEY$):N(K)=N
168 IFK=CL+1THENK=K-1:GOTO180
1/0 PRINTLEFT$(A$,20)SPC(33+0S-K*2)N$(N);
 172 G0T0158
176 REM **** SUM ****
188 SUM=8:S=8
182 SUM=SUM+10+S*N(S+1) | S*S+1 | IFS(KTHEN182
164 IFABS(QT-SUM)),5THEN208
166 POKE37894, PEEK (37888) POKE37895, PEEK (37889)
188 POKE37896, PEEK (37890) POKE37897, PEEK (37891)
196 POKE37888, 232 POKE37889, 233 POKE37898, 234 POKE37891, 44 POKE37892, 13
194 5YS39312
194 FORT=1T02000 NEXT
196 POKE37888, PEEK (37894): POKE37889, PEEK (37895)
198 POKE37890, PEEK (37896) POKE37891, PEEK (37897)
200 MOKE37892,6: CR=CR+1: NR=0: GOTO106
204 KEM #### ERROR ####
200
208 POKE37894, PEEK (37888) : POKE37895, PEEK (37889)
210 POKE37896, PEEK (37890): POKE37897, PEEK (37891)
414 POKE37888.235 POKE37889.236 POKE37890.237 POKE37891.54 POKE37892.2
214 SYS39312
216 FORT=1T02000 NEXT
218 WR=WR+1 IFWR=3THEN228
ZZW POKE37888, PEEK (37894) : POKE37889, PEEK (37895)
242 POKE37890, PEEK (37896): POKE37891, PEEK (37897)
224 POKE37892.6
226 GOTO122
228 POKE37888,238 POKE37889,239 POKE37890,240 POKE37891,54 POKE37892,9
230 SYS39312
232 XT=0T
234 X2=XT-(INT(XT/10)*10):XT=(XT-X2)/10:X3=X3+1
236 PRINTLEFT*(A*,20)SPC(33+0S-X3*2)N*(X2):IFXT()0THEN234
236 PRINTLEFT*(A*,20)SPC(33+0S-(X3+1)*2)CHR*(146)S*
240 FURT=1T02000: NEXT
242 PUKE37888, PEEK (37894): POKE37889, PEEK (37895)
244 PUKE37890, PEEK (37896) : POKE37891 , PEEK (37897)
246 PUKE37892,6
248 MR=8:X3=8:G0T0186
200
252 REM #### FINISH ####
254
256 POKE37894, PEEK (37888): POKE37895, PEEK (37889)
206 POKE37896, PEEK (37890) : POKE37897, PEEK (37891)
200 POKE37888,229:POKE37889,230:POKE37890,231:POKE37891,67:POKE37892,1
262 PUKE37893,8
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264 SYS39312:SYS39232
266 PKINTLEFT$(A$,9)SPC(25)CHR$(146)CHR$(31)"YOU HAVE NOW"
208 PRINTLEFT$(A$,11)SPC(25)"ANSHERED ALL"
200 PRINTLEFT$(A$,13)SPC(25)"10 QUESTIONS"
2/2 1FCR=10THENPRINTLEFT$(A$,15)SPC(30)N$(1)
274 IFCA=10THENPRINTLEFT$(A$,15)SPC(32)N$(0)
2/6 1FCAC 10THENPRINTLEFT$(A$, 15)SPC(31)N$(CA)
218 PKINTLEFT$(A$,19)SPC(38)CHR$(18)CHR$(218)CHR$(210)CHR$(218)
200 PKINTLEFT$(R$,20)SPC(30)N$(1)
202 PKINTLEFT$(R$,20)SPC(32)N$(0)
204 IFUR=10THENPRINTLEFT$(A$,24)SPC(27)"EXCELLENT"
206 IFURCIOANDCASSTHENPRINTLEFT#(A#,24)SPC(23)"VERY GOOD EFFORT"
Zee IFURC6THENPRINTLEFT$(A$,24)SPC(25)"NOT TOO GOOD"
230 FURT =1T02000 NEXT
274 SYS39232:RP=8
234 PRINTLEFT$(A$,10)SPC(24)"YOU MAY CARRY"
296 PRINTLEFT$(A$,11)SPC(24)"ON OR CHRNGE"
296 PRINTLEFT$(A$,12)SPC(24)"FUNCTION AND"
JOH PRINTLEFT$(A$,12)SPC(24)"SKILL LEVEL"

JOH PRINTLEFT$(A$,13)SPC(24)"SKILL LEVEL"

JOH PRINTLEFT$(A$,14)SPC(24)"BY PRESSING"

JOH PRINTLEFT$(A$,15)SPC(24)"THE FOLLOWING"

JOH PRINTLEFT$(A$,18)SPC(25)"F1 SAME"

JOH PRINTLEFT$(A$,20)SPC(25)"F3 CHANGE"

JOH PRINTLEFT$(A$,20)SPC(25)"F7 QUIT"
312 SA=1729:S1=6:S2=49
314 GETKEY$: IFKEY$() ""THENRT=RSC(KEY$)
316 IFRP=5THENSA=1729:S1=32:S2=32
318 IFRP=10THENS1=6:52=49
320 IFRP=15THENSA=1809:S1=32:S2=32
344 1FRP=20THENS1=6:S2=51
344 IFRP=25THENSA=1889:S1=32:S2=32
326 1FRP=38THENS1=6:S2=55:RP=8
SEE MUKESA, S1: POKESA+1, S2
1FRT \C133ANDRT \C134ANDRT \C136THENRP=RP+1: GOTO314 فادد
336 1FRT=133THEN342
334 IFRT=134THENOP=0:RT=0:GOT050
336 PRINTCHR$(147)CHR$(154)
338 PUKE53248+21,0:POKE53248+24,21:POKE53280,14:POKE53281,6
340 END
342 PUKE37888, PEEK (37894): POKE37889, PEEK (37895)
344 PUKE37890, PEEK(37896): POKE37891, PEEK(37897)
346 FUKE37892,6: POKE37893,224
346 5Y539232: SYS39312
350 KI=8:G0T0102
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Landspeed by Ian Andrews

This program puts you in the cockpit of a jet powered car, attempting to break the land speed record.

After the Instructions, your view through the windscreen is drawn along with the day's conditions.

The thermometer is important, as low temperatures cause the speed of sound to fall, and your vehicle has not been designed to withstand sonic shock waves.

Pressing t displays tomorrow's conditions, but your sponsors will send you a prompting Telemessage if you delay your attempt too many days.

How it works

25-45 title page 65-70 graphics character data list 100-130 POKE graphics data 227-420 instructions 500-850 drawing view from cockpit 860-1060 drawing thermometer 1080-1090 set conditions variables 1095-1142 print in track conditions values 1144-1163 telemessage 1180-1540 draw facia 1700-2007 preparations for run "whine" etc 2020 start loop line 2050 exceed speed of sound check line 2500-2580 track lines 2521-2522 off track check 2629-2645 timing for flying mile 3010-3025 accelerating 3030-3100 speedometer needle 4000-4200 crash routine

When y is pressed the facia is drawn complete with analogue and digital speedometers, milometers and measured mile start and finish indicators.

5000-5030 finish results routine 5035-5120 records and drivers of

5130-5180 national anthem 9990-9997 returning routine

the past

After the turbine has reached top speed, use o to accelerate, p and q to steer.

Listing for Landspeed

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1 REM SAVE "landspeed": REM 12/4/84 Ian Andrews
5 RANDOMIZE
10 BRIGHT 0: PAPER 7: CLS
20 INK 2: PAPER 6: OVER 0: BRIGHT 0: BORDER 7: FLASH 0
25 INPUT ""
30 PRINT "F
31 PRINT "
32 PRINT "
33 PRINT
34 PRINT ""
37 PRINT
40 PRINT AT 13,0; FLASH 1; "BREAK THE WORLD"
45 PRINT FLASH 1; "LAND SPEED RECORD."
65 REM Set Graphics ABCDE
66 DATA 0,60,126,126,126,126,60,0
67 DATA 120,252,252,252,252,252,252,120
68 DATA 72,72,72,72,79,72,72,72
69 DATA 60,31,15,135,207,255,126,60
70 DATA 0,0,255,255,255,255,0,0
80 FOR x=0 TO 245
81 IF x>20 THEN PLOT INK 7;x-19,5
85 PLOT INK 6:x,5
86 PLOT x+1,5: DRAW INK 1;2,0
87 NEXT x
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Revup your spectrum, fight off starving cats!

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100 FOR n=0 TO 39
110 READ data
120 POKE USR "A"+n, data
130 NEXT n
190 INK 4: PAPER 0: OVER 0: BRIGHT 0: BORDER 0: FLASH 0: CLS
227 REM Instructions
228 PRINT AT 0,9; INVERSE 1; " LANDSPEED "
22 PRINT ""
                 You are at the controls of"
230 PRINT "
240 PRINT "the Fastest land vehicle ever."
250 PRINT "Ahead is the cleared track,"
260 PRINT "the Front of your car, and"
270 PRINT "the distant horizon."
280 PRINT "First you see the day's weather"
290 PRINT "etc. You can choose to run Today"
300 PRINT "or the next, but remember your"
310 PRINT "Sponsors have limited finance !"
320 PRINT ""
330 PRINT "When you decide to run,"
340 PRINT "(Q) steers you to the Left"
350 PRINT "(P) steers you to the Right"
360 PRINT "(0) is the Throttle (on)"
370 PRINT ""
380 PRINT "Two Lights show when you pass"
390 PRINT "the Timing Markers."
400 PRINT "Your Speed is shown at the end."
410 PRINT INVERSE 1; " Press any key to Start "
420 PAUSE 0
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ROGRAMS

If you finish your run without straying over the track lines, your average speed is displayed, together with any past record you may have broken.

Variables

f final average speed (mph)

s velocity (mph)

d distance travelled (miles)

t time (hours)

day day number

w cross wind (knots)

h temperature (°C) ss speed of sound (mph)

v engine power factor

spon limit on day before Tele-

message x, y speedometer needle coords

xo,xa,etc track lines x coordinyo,yr,etc track lines y coordin-

ates

cra siren flag i,j,i1,i2,j2 screen drawing variables

a angle in radians

It's a dog's life by Andrew Bird

The alley cats are giving Rex the Red Setter a headache. They can smell the fish in the dustbins and are frantic to eat

Rex's owner hates cats (as does Rex) and has told him to keep the cats off the garden wall. He will get a bone for each cat he stops from reaching the wall.

How it works

1-90 sets up variables (skill level

100-190 draws game

200-370 cat movements (main loop)

400-460 dog movement

500-630 selects correct dog

700-740 turns cat back

7000-7030 instructions

8000-8550 music (how much is that doggy and what's new

pussycat) 9000-9090 graphics

The cats are not easily put off, however. They know that once they reach the garden wall they can eat the fish they have found in the dustbin.

Help Rex fight off the marauding cats, and give the dog a bone.

Variables

level skill level fish score to cat bones score to dog x,y position of dog dSoSgS dog on screen Dim a 20 dustbin positions Dim b duplicate dustbin illumine vertical cat position

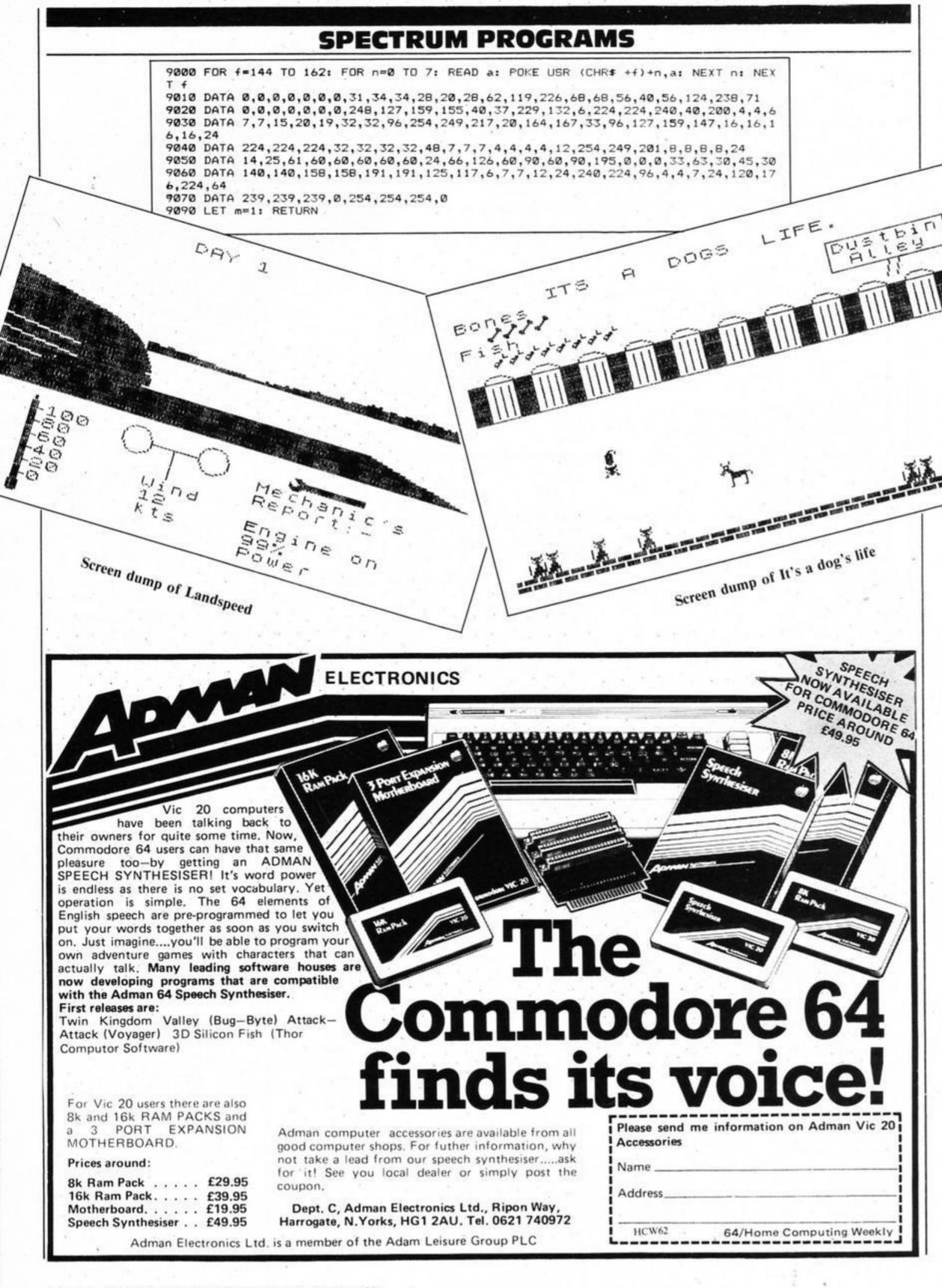
s data for dustbin t which dustbin m counter

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500 REM Screen Drawing
 501 BORDER 3
 502 PAPER 5: CLS
 503 PAPER 7: FOR j=9 TO 13
                                                    ": NEXT j
 504 PRINT AT j,0;"
 505 REM bonnet
 507 INK 4
 510 FOR j=1 TO 19
 520 LET i1=j*127/40
 530 LET i 2=255-i1
 540 LET j2=j+62
 550 PLOT 0, j2
 560 DRAW 12,0
 570 NEXT j
 580 REM fuselage
 600 FOR a=-PI/10 TO PI/2 STEP .03
 610 LET i=38*COS (a)
 620 LET j=38*SIN (a)
 630 PLOT 40,82
 640 DRAW 1,j
 650 DRAW - (40+38*COS (a)),12
 660 NEXT a
 670 REM horizon
 680 INK 1
 690 FOR i=72 TO 254 STEP 2
 700 LET j=RND*(i/100)+ABS (SIN ((i+30)/50))*5
 710 PLOT i,104
 720 DRAW 0, j
 725 PLOT i+1,104
 728 DRAW 0,j
 730 NEXT 1
 740 REM Border
 797 INK 3
 800 FOR a=0 TO PI/2 STEP .02
 810 LET i=50-(50*COS (a))
 820 LET j=125+(50*SIN (a))
 830 PLOT 255, j
 840 DRAW -(i),0
 850 NEXT a
 860 REM Track Conditions
 865 LET spon=RND*6+4
 870 BRIGHT 0: INK 1: BORDER 3: INPUT "": PAPER 7
 880 FOR j=21 TO 14 STEP -1
 890 PRINT AT j,0; BRIGHT 0;"
 900 NEXT j
 910 FOR j=15 TO 20
 920 PRINT AT j,3; INK 2; "C"; INT (((20-j)*20)/1)*1: REM G
 925 NEXT j
 930 PRINT AT 21,3; "D": REM G
 940 CIRCLE 80,50,8: CIRCLE 120,50,8
 950 PLOT 88,50: DRAW 24,0
 960 PLOT 100,50: DRAW 0,-20
 970 FOR j=18 TO 20
 975 PAPER 4
 980 PRINT AT j,10;"
 990 NEXT j
1000 PRINT AT 18,11: INK 6: "Wind"
1003 PRINT AT 20,11; INK 6; "kts"
1005 PAPER 7: INK 1
1010 PRINT AT 15,20; "DEEEE": REM G
1020 PRINT AT 16,18; "Mechanic's"
1030 PRINT AT 17,18; "Report:-"
1040 PRINT AT 19,18; "Engine on"
1060 PRINT AT 21,18; "Power"
1080 REM Conditions Variables
1081 LET day=0: REM Restart
1082 LET day=day+1
1083 LET w=RND*(.2)-.1
1084 LET h=RND*70+20
1085 LET ss=660+h
1086 LET v=75-RND*50
1090 LET cra=0
1095 INK 2
1097 PLOT INK 7; 26,8
1098 DRAW OVER 1;0,50: DRAW OVER 1;1,0: DRAW INK 7;0,-50
1100 PLOT 26,8
1110 DRAW 0,h*4/10+5: DRAW 1,0: DRAW 0,-(h*4/10+5)
1115 PRINT AT 19,11; PAPER 4;"
1120 PRINT AT 19,11; ABS (INT (w*500)/1)
1125 PRINT AT 20,18;" "
1130 PRINT AT 20,18; INT (v/75*100)/1; "%"
1140 PRINT AT 0,10; PAPER 5;"
                                   "; AT 0,10; "DAY "; day
1142 IF day(spon THEN INPUT "": PRINT £0; "Press (Y)es or (T)omorrow": GO TO 116
1144 FOR n=1 TO 25
1146 BEEP INT (RND*2+1)/15,35
1147 NEXT n
1148 INK 1: PAPER 6: PRINT AT 14,0;"";
1149 FOR j=14 TO 21
1150 PRINT "
1151 NEXT j
1152 PRINT AT 14,8; INVERSE 1; "TELEMESSAGE"
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SPECTRUM PROGRAMS

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1153 PRINT ""
                                                        3090 LET xo=x: LET yo=y
1154 PRINT TAB 5; "MUST RUN TODAY"
                                                        3100 GO TO 2010
1155 PRINT TAB 5; "NO MORE FUNDS."
                                                        4000 REM Crash
1156 PRINT ""
                                                        4010 PAPER 6: INK 2: BRIGHT 1: FLASH 1: OVER 0: BORDER 2
1158 PRINT TAB 14; "MONOGRAM SERVICES"
                                                        4020 PRINT AT 15,5; "YOU CRASHED AT "; INT (s/1) *1; " MPH"
1160 FOR n=1 TO 25: BEEP INT (RND+2+1)/15,35: NEXT n
                                                        4050 PRINT AT 16,5; "BECAUSE YOUR CAR LEFT"
1163 GO TO 1200
                                                        4060 PRINT AT 17,5; "THE CLEARED TRACK"
1165 IF INKEY$="y" THEN GO TO 1200
                                                        4130 IF s<=ss THEN GO TO 4170
1170 IF INKEY#="t" THEN GO TO 1082
                                                        4140 PRINT AT 16,5; "BECAUSE YOUR CAR EXCEEDED"
1180 GO TO 1165
                                                        4150 PRINT AT 17,5; "THE SPEED OF SOUND"
1200 PAPER 3
                                                        4170 FOR n=1 TO 35
1205 INPUT ""
                                                        4180 BEEP .03,RND*99-30
1210 FOR j=21 TO 14 STEP -Y
                                                        4185 NEXT n
1220 PRINT AT j,0;"
                                                        4190 FLASH 0
1230 NEXT j
                                                        4195 LET cra=1
1350 REM Facia
                                                        4200 GD TO 9990
1360 PRINT AT 15,0; INK 6; "1stMkr"
1370 PRINT AT 17,0; INK 6; "2ndMkr"
                                           5000 REM Results
1400 REM clock
                                           5010 BORDER 5: PAPER 5: INK 0: BRIGHT 1
1405 LET n=-2
                                           5020 PRINT AT 15,2; "YOUR AVERAGE SPEED OVER THE"
1410 INK 6
                                           5030 PRINT AT 16,2; "FLYING MILE WAS "; INT (f/.01) *.01; " MPH"
1420 FOR a=PI*4/3 TO -PI/3 STEP -PI/3
                                           5035 REM Past Records
1430 LET n=n+2
                                           5040 IF f>301.13 THEN PRINT AT 18.0: "WHICH EXCEEDS"
1440 LET i=16+4*COS a
                                           5050 IF f>301.13 THEN PRINT AT 19,2: "301.13mph -M.Campbell (GB)"
1450 LET j=21-(4+4*SIN a)
                                           5060 IF f>369.74 THEN PRINT AT 19,2; "369.74mph -J.Cobb (GB)
1460 PRINT AT j,i;n
                                           5070 IF f>403.10 THEN PRINT AT 19,2; "403.10mph -D.Campbell (GB)"
1470 NEXT a
                                           5080 IF f>576.55 THEN PRINT AT 19,2; "576.55mph -A.Arfons (USA) "
1480 CIRCLE 130,35,26
                                           5090 IF f>600.60 THEN PRINT AT 19,2; "600.60mph -C.Breedlove (USA)"
1490 PLOT 130,35
                                           5100 IF f>622.4 THEN PRINT AT 19,2; "622.41mph -G.Gabelich (USA) "
1500 DRAW 25*COS 4.189,25*SIN 4.189
                                           5105 IF f<633.468 THEN GO TO 9990
1510 PRINT AT 17,16; "B": REM G
                                           5110 PRINT AT 19,2; "633.468mph -R.Noble (GB)
1530 PRINT AT 17,25; "mls"
                                           5130 RESTORE 5140
1540 PRINT AT 19,25; "mph"
                                           5140 DATA 7.6,7.6,9.6,6.9,7.3,9.6,11.6,11.6,12.6,11.9,9.3,7.6,9.6,
1700 REM Whine
1718 FOR n=25 TO 35 STEP .18
                                           7.6,6.6,7.6,7.6,7.6
                                           5150 FOR n=1 TO 18
1739 BEEP n/1908.n
                                           5160 READ d
1740 NEXT n
1750 PRINT £0; FLASH 1; "MAX RPM"
                                           5170 BEEP d-INT d, INT d
1760 BEEP 3,n
1770 INPUT ""
2005 LET xo=0: LET yo=0: LET n=0: LET xa=125: LET xlo=0: LET ylo=0: LET xro=0: L
ET yro=0: LET t=0: LET s=.00000001
2007 INK 0: PAPER 7
2020 IF INKEY = "q" THEN LET xa=xa-s/7
2030 IF INKEY = "p" THEN LET xa=xa+s/7
2040 LET xa=xa+(w+s)/1
2050 IF $> S THEN BEEP .3,-30: BEEP .1,69: BEEP .3,-30: 60 TO 4000
2500 REM Track Lines
2505 PAPER 4: INK 4
2510 LET x1=(25-xa) *1.5
2520 LET xr=(225-xa) *1.5
2521 IF x1>135 THEN GO TO 4000
2522 IF xr<115 THEN GO TO 4000
2525 LET yr=-22: LET y1=-22
2530 IF x1<=22 THEN LET y1=-(42-((78-x1)/(125-x1)*42)): LET x1s=-46
2535 IF x1>22 THEN LET x1s=-((125-x1)+20/42)
2540 IF xr>=257 THEN LET yr=-42+(42*(xr-255)/255): LET xrs=130
2541 IF xr<=255 THEN LET xrs=((xr-125) *20/42)
2542 PLOT 125,104
2544 DRAW OVER 1;xlo,ylo
2546 PLOT 125,104
 2548 DRAW OVER 1;xro,yro
 2550 PLOT 125,104
2560 DRAW xls,yl
2579 PLOT 125,184
 2580 DRAW XFS, YF
2590 LET xlo=xls: LET xro=xrs
2600 LET ylo=yl: LET yro=yr
2610 LET t=t+.0001
2620 LET d=(s*t)
2625 PRINT AT 16,25; INK 6; PAPER 1; INT (d/1)*1
 2627 PRINT AT 18,25; INK 6; PAPER 1; INT (s/1) *1
 2628 IF d<5 THEN GO TO 2650
 2629 REM Timing
 2630 IF d<6 THEN LET f=s
 2635 IF d>6 THEN PRINT AT 15,6; INK 7; BRIGHT 1; "8": REM G
 2648 IF d>6 AND d<7 THEN LET f=(f+s)/2
 2642 IF d>7 THEN PRINT AT 17,6; INK 7; BRIGHT 1; "8": REM G
2644 IF d>7.2 THEN PRINT AT 21,0; FLASH 1; INK 2; "BRAKE CHUTE AWAY"
 2645 IF d>7.5 THEN GO TO 5000
 2650 IF INKEY = "o" THEN GO TO 3010
 3000 GO TO 2020
 3010 REM Accelerate
 3015 PAPER 3: INK 6
 3020 LET n=n+2: LET s=v*SQR (n+.0001)
                                                        5180 NEXT n
 3025 LET t=t+.0001
                                                        9990 PRINT £0; "Press C to Restart"
 3030 PLOT 130,35
                                                        9991 INK 4: PLOT 125,104: DRAW OVER 1;xlo,ylo
 3040 DRAW OVER 1; x0, y0
                                                        9992 PLOT 125,104: DRAW OVER 1; xro, yro
 3050 LET x=23*COS (4.189*(1-s/800))
                                                        9993 IF INKEY#="c" THEN GO TO 860
 3060 LET y=23*SIN (4.189*(1-s/800))
                                                        9994 IF cra=1 THEN BEEP .5,15: BEEP .5,13.5
 3070 PLOT 130,35
                                                        9997 GO TO 9993
 3080 DRAW x,y
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SPECTRUM PROGRAMS Listing for It's a dog's life 1 REM ITS A DOGS LIFE 2 LET m=0 3 GO SUB 7000 10 INPUT AT 21,5; "SKILL LEVEL 1 - 3 ? "; level 20 IF level<1 OR level>3 THEN GO TO 10 30 LET x=18-level: LET y=29: LET fish=0: LET bones=0 40 LET d\$="CD": LET o\$="GH": LET q\$="KL" 50 IF m=0 THEN PRINT AT 10,10; "Please Wait." 60 DIM a(20): DIM b(20) 70 FOR f=1 TO 20: READ s: LET a(f)=s: NEXT f BØ DATA 1,2,4,5,7,8,10,11,13,14,16,17,19,20,22,23,25,26,28,29 90 IF m=0 THEN GO SUB 9000 100 REM Draw Set 110 BORDER 6: PAPER 6: CLS 120 PRINT AT 0,6; INK 2; "ITS A DOGS LIFE."; AT 1,0; INK 0; "Bones"; AT 3,0; "Fis 130 PRINT AT 2,24; PAPER 7; "Dustbin"; AT 3,24; " Alley " 140 PLOT 190,142: DRAW 0,18: DRAW 60,0: DRAW 0,-18: DRAW -60,0: PLOT 217,132: D RAW 2,9: PLOT 222,132: DRAW 2,9 150 FOR f=6 TO 8: PRINT AT f,0; PAPER 5; BRIGHT 1;" ": NEXT f 160 FOR f=6 TO 8: FOR n=0 TO 30 STEP 3: PRINT AT f,n; INK 6;"■";AT f,31;"■": N XT n: NEXT f 170 FOR f=8 TO 224 STEP 24: PLOT f, 104: DRAW 0,23: DRAW 15,0: DRAW 0,-23: DRAW -15,0: PLOT f,127: DRAW 15,0,-2: PLOT f+4,106: DRAW 0,18: PLOT f+8,106: DRAW 0,1 8: PLOT f+12,106: DRAW 0,18: NEXT f 190 PAUSE 50 200 REM Cat Movements 210 FOR n=1 TO 20 220 LET c=11 230 LET t=INT (RND*20)+1: IF b(t)=1 THEN GO TO 230 240 LET b(t)=1 250 PRINT AT c,a(t); INK 0; "N"; AT c-1,a(t); "M"; AT c-2,a(t); " " 260 IF ATTR: (c+1,a(t))=50 THEN GO TO 700 270 BEEP .01,-10 280 IF c>19 THEN PRINT AT 18,a(t); " "; AT 19,a(t); INK 0; "Q"; AT 20,a(t); "E": L T fish=fish+1: PRINT AT 4,1+fish; INK 1; "B": GO TO 320 290 LET c=c+RND 300 GO SUB 400 310 IF c<20 THEN GO TO 250 330 IF fish=bones THEN FOR f=10 TO 20: PRINT AT f,0; INK RND*6; PAPER 7; "***** **** ITS A DRAW ********** BEEP .05, f*2: BEEP .03, f*1.75: PAUSE 5: NEXT f 340 IF fish<bones THEN GO SUB 8000 350 IF fish >bones THEN GO SUB 8500 360 PAUSE 200: CLS : PRINT AT 21,10; "ANOTHER GO ?" 370 RESTORE : GO TO 10 400 REM Dog Movement 410 IF INKEY = "" THEN PRINT AT x,y; INK 2;d\$;AT x+1,y;g\$ 420 IF INKEY *= "8" THEN GO SUB 500 430 IF INKEY\$="5" THEN GO SUB 600 440 BEEP RND/10,-30 450 PRINT AT x,y; INK 2;d\$;AT x+1,y;q\$ 460 RETURN 500 LET d\$="白色": LET o\$="EE": LET g\$="Iy" 510 LET y=y+1: IF y>30 THEN LET y=y-1 520 PRINT AT x,y-1; " "; AT x+1,y-1; " "; AT x,y; INK 2; d\$; AT x+1,y; o\$ 530 RETURN 600 LET d\$="CD": LET o\$="GH": LET q\$="KL" 610 LET y=y-1: IF y<0 THEN LET y=y+1 620 PRINT AT x,y+2; " "; AT x+1,y+2; " "; AT x,y; INK 2; d\$; AT x+1,y; o\$ 630 RETURN 700 LET bones=bones+1: PRINT AT 2,1+bones; INK 7; "Q" 710 PRINT AT c.a(t); " " 720 FOR f=c-2 TO 9 STEP -1: PRINT AT f,a(t); INK 0;" M"; AT f+1,a(t); "N"; AT f+2, (t);" "; AT x,y; INK 2; d\$: BEEP .01, f*3: NEXT f 730 PRINT AT 11,a(t); " "; AT 10,a(t); " "; AT 9,a(t); " ": NEXT n 740 60 TO 330 7000 BORDER 7: PAPER 7: INK 1: CLS 7010 PRINT AT 0,6; INK 2; "ITS A DOGS LIFE."; AT 1,5; "-----7020 PRINT AT 2,0;" Rex the Red Setter has been" "having a busy time just lat ely"'" His owner has promised him a"'"bone for every cat he can keep"'"off the garden wall."'" The cats on the other hand"' "should they reach the wall, have"' "a chance to eat the fish they" " "have pinched out of the dustbin." 7030 GO SUB 8000 CONTROLS 7040 PRINT AT 20,0; INK 3;" < 5 < 7050 PRINT AT 21,0; PAPER 4; INK 0;" Press any key to play. 7060 PAUSE 0: CLS : RETURN 8000 BEEP .3,13: BEEP .3,18: BEEP .3,13: BEEP .3,10: BEEP .5,6 8010 BEEP .1,15: BEEP .1,13: BEEP .1,10: BEEP .3,13: BEEP .6,8 8020 PAUSE 50: RETURN 8500 BEEP .4,17: BEEP .4,13: BEEP .1,10: PAUSE 2: BEEP .1,10: PAUSE 2: BEEP .4,15 : PAUSE 20 8510 BEEP .6,17: BEEP .1,15: BEEP .1,17: PAUSE 2: BEEP .1,15: BEEP .6,17: BEEP . 4,15 8550 PAUSE 50: RETURN



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Escape

from Hobbit

Here is a list of tips for playing The Hobbit. I hope this will be useful to readers.

In order to escape from Elvenking's Hall to Wooden Town, you will find the following route useful.

1 Type in WAIT; repeat several times until the butler unlocks the red door.

2 Once the butler unlocks the red door (which leads to the cellar), type in OPEN RED DOOR. If the butler closes the red door, you may have to repeat OPEN RED DOOR, until the door is open.

3 Next type in GO THROUGH RED DOOR or just GO.

4 You are now inside the cellar and you see that the butler is drinking the wine from the barrels. Here is a chance to kill the butler. Type in KILL BUTLER WITH SWORD

5 The butler should now be dead. Type in the following four moves:
OPEN TRAP DOOR

TAKE BARREL TIE ROPE TO BARREL THROW BARREL THRO-UGH TRAP DOOR

You should now be able to escape from Elvenking's Hall.

Chi Wah Chan, Treharris, Mid-Glamorgan

Kids rule,

OK

This country has heard of sex equality, but not age equality. All the Sunday magazines have reports of 17-year-old programmers making thousands of pounds per year, as well as OAPs (Old Age Programmers) aged a mere 25. The computer age is for the young, they all say. But this is not the true story.

Software companies and a few magazines, this one excluded (as the publication of this letter shows), are scared of anyone under the age of 16.

The real programmers are turned down because they are still at school and cannot work in an office. People of this age cannot afford to start their own software houses and therefore by the time the programmer is 17 he is so disillusioned with

computers that he cannot be bothered any more. The best up and coming programmers are being lost; soon the quality of software will drop and then even the most famous software houses, Quicksilva and Ultimate, will be forced to employ kids.

If the software houses do not want to let this happen, and some like Artic and Virgin are already employing kids, they must help the programmers at a younger age, by giving them advice and helping them to improve their programs. Maybe GOSH (Guild of Software Houses) could help by funding training schools for programmers or maybe software writers could set up a union; they could call it ASS (Association of Software Scribes).

Whatever happens the computer revolution will soon be upon us and software companies had better act soon, before Eugene Evans becomes the Arthur Scargill of ASS. Kids are becoming tired of being pushed around by adults, so watch out. Kids have better imaginations and are capable of creating far more original programs than the Frogger, Space Invaders and Scramble available for every micro in at least five versions. They also play a meaner game of space invaders any day of the week.

Mark Hankins, Altringham Cheshire

Cable

problem

solved

With reference to Andy Clarke's problem video cable (HCW 57): This is a common fault on all cables with moulded ends and is easy to solve.

Obtain a normal phono plug from any reputable hifi shop and a TV plug. Cut off the moulded ends and replace with new items. If all the cable is suspect, obtain a TV aerial extension cable (they vary in length) which costs approximately £1.30. Remove the TV plug from one end and replace with the phono plug.

If Andy is not h-andy with a soldering iron, any reasonable TV repair man will do the job for him.

If you are unable to manage the above, Andy, let me know and I will make one for you. I have just done one for myself.

David Colbear, Rochdale, Lancs

Grandad's

grouch

Having purchased a CBM 64 at the end of December, I am now completely hooked on it. I too had an initial problem with the machine and exchanged it the same day at Rumbelows (Lincoln). Since then I have had one breakdown which was no more serious than a fuse in the transformer. I rang Commodore and having listened to my description of the fault they suggested that I examine the fuses. I didn't take exception to this as it seems ridiculous to traipse around with a machine that is only suffering a minor headache. I don't believe that removing the cover to replace a fuse would invalidate the guarantee anyway. I don't wish to dwell too long on this subject, but I would like to say that, irrespective of the product, someone is going to get goods that are not up to standard. Whatever the reasons one has for complaining it is quite possible that sometimes one tends to view their problems through a goldfish bowl: nuf sed.

Now for my grouch. When I rang Commodore they told me that very shortly they would be publishing more and better books on the use of CBMs. I hope this is true because it is certainly one aspect without which we complete beginners cannot manage. I have spent around £30 on different manuals but they tend to spend more time telling you why they can't explain certain aspects of computing than they do on what they can explain. They tell you something to key in here and there and then they think that they have given your money's worth. If you are a CBM 64 owner, and like me, a beginner, then the only book that I, would recommend is Melbourne Houses's Commodore 64 Exposed. I believe it's a veritable goldmine of information. It is direct and wastes not an inch of space on excuses for its shortcomings, or on corny witticisms.

Grouch no. 2: the price and quality of games for the 64. In general the styandard is very poor indeed. With regard to copying, very few are worth the time and effort. For those that are, a man would have to be a fool not to have a back-up copy. Let me say immediately that I shall

never pay fancy prices for tapes which deny me a security back-up. I was very interested in what Barry Hartog had to say about Our Price (HCW 53) and this week Frank Herman for Mastertronic. I was also interested in what Jeff Minter had to say. With regards to his 'cheapos' jibe, I would remind him that expense is not a barometer of quality. He seems to have a rather inflated ego, one that his Revenge does nothing to substantiate and his offering of Hovver Bovver, more aptly named Hovver Rated and Hovver Priced, would have been better but nothing any other programmer couldn't have achieved. If Neil Johnson of Microdealer UK was correct then I would be very well britched indeed with regard to computer games. I consider that I've got £200-worth of tapes ranging from absolute rubbish to painfully mediocre and about £50-worth of tapes of value including Wimpy, Neptunes Daughters, Fort Apocalypse, Falcon Patrol, Hunchback and Matrix. I can't comment on Booga-Boo as I've only had it a couple of days and haven't got out of the Flea Pit yet. Finally, are there any

more widowed grandads now retired who would like to swap views and ideas on computing? I spend most of my time on the computer and it's curtains for Minter when we grandaddies get hang of this the programming lark. Also congratulations to Vera Conetney (HCW 57); good for you lass. The software market is missing out on a huge potential market from the middle-aged onwards. And whilst I wouldn't like to get too carried away with my efforts so far, I'm not doing so bad, and Hazel, if he gets too big to handle you can always come and help me.

Len Andrews Elkesley, Retford, Notts

Aquarius

praise

I am writing about the letter (HCW 48) John Wilson sent in, about the Aquarius computer system.

I am also a proud owner of this computer, with a mini-expander 16K memory pack, which are excellent pieces of hardware.

I also purchased the book The Aquarius and How to Get the Most from it, and found it very interesting and helpful. Another book which I'd recommended to all Aquarius users is by Peter Goode, called The Aquarius Program Book. It is full of helpful programs and little games, which are extremely good.

The hand controllers which come with the miniexpander are excellent, but I am having trouble getting them to work. If any other Aquarius users could help me, will they do so. I would be very grateful. All in all, I think the Aquarius is as good as the Spectrum, and well worth buying.

Paul Grantham-Kilty, Bransholme, Hull

Best, and

all in 31/2K

I am writing to recommend a program for the unexpanded VIC-20 which is the best I have seen for the basic machine. I have not seen this game advertised or reviewed, so I thought your readers ought to know that it exists.

It is called Pedes and Mutants and is published by Romik. I hope you will publish this letter so that other VIC owners can see for themselves just what can be done in only 3½ K of memory.

memory.
David Lester, Pinner,
Middx

Pedes and Mutants costs £6.99 from Romik Software, 272 Argyll Avenue, Slough, Berks SL1 4HE. A Romik spokesman said: "No, David Lester has no connection with us — it's the first time we've heard of him."!

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TI-994A PROGRAM

Variables

H Points high score Points points scored BET bet P,H ASCII values of cards PS ASCII value of points for use in PRINT AT routine AS string to be printed RW row number A ASCII value of string to be printed at KK graphics characters for cards Q column number for cards PP,Y graphics characters QW ASCII value of card posi-X value returned by CAL

In my program for the standad TI-99/4A you are in the position of one of the contestants in TV's Play Your Cards Right.

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100-150 reset 180-350 redefine characters 360-410 set colours 420-810 print screen titles and instructions 860-940 high-score routine

1030-1790 main sequence 1850-2440 select and print cards 2470-2510 PRINT AT routine 2750-2970 check cards 3000-3270 end

GCHAR to check card M,K card variables **QS** string variables

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Hints on conversion

TI BASIC is fairly standard with two main exceptions. Single statement lines are used and subroutines for graphics and sound are available, prefixed with CALL, as detailed below.

CALL CLEAR clears screen CALL SCREEN defines screen colour

CALL CHAR defines a character with a 16-digit hex string from an eight by eight grid. Other machines will use a different method

CALL COLOUR (character set, foreground, background) sets colour of character

CALL HCHAR (row, column, character code, number of repeats) places character on screen at co-ordinates specified and optionally repeats character horizontally

CALL VCHAR similar to HCHAR but repeats character vertically

CALL GCHAR (row, column, variable) similar to a screen PEEK on other machines. Gives the ASCII code at the given screen co-ordinates

CALL SOUND (D,F,V) gives sound of duration D, frequency F and volume V. Three sounds can be produced at

High score and highest scorer is stored and displayed on the screen.

An unusual routine in the program is the storing of values and strings for print at routines in DATA statements.

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100 RESTORE
110 DIM W#(14)
128 DIM L(14)
130 X##"HI SCORE
148 HP01NTS=25
150 RANDOMIZE
160 CALL CLEAR
170 CALL SCREEN(2)
180 CALL CHAR(128, "FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF".
198 CALL CHAR(152, "81038 "8F1F3F7F7F")
208 CALL CHAR(152, "855855885588558558")
218 CALL CHAR(153, "800868F0F8FCFFFF")
228 CALL CHAR(154, "7F7F3F0F83838387")
238 CALL CHAR(155, "FEFEFCF800000000
    CALL CHAR(156, 0107070707387FFF"
258 CALL CHAR(157, 80E0E0E0E0E0CFEFF"
268 CALL CHAR( 158, "FFFFFFFFF 38030307"
278 CALL CHAR(159, "FFFFFFFEDCC0C0E0")
288 CALL CHAR(144, "0103070F1F3F7FFF
298 CALL CHARC145, "90C0E0/0F0F0FEFF"
388 CALL CHAR(146, "FF7F3F1F0F070301"
310 CALL CHAR(147, "FF+EFCF8F0E0C030"
320 CALL CHARC 148, "001C3E7FFFFFFFFF
330 CALL CHAR( 149. "88387CFEFFFFFFF )
340 CALL CHAR( 150, "7F3F1F0F070301")
350 CALL CHRR(151, "FEFCF8F828C888")
360 CALL COLOR(15,7,1)
378 CALL COLOR(16,5,1)
388 CALL COLOR(12,16,7)
398 FOR I=2 TO 8
400 CALL COLOR( 1, 14, 1)
410 NEXT 1
428 FOR 11=1 TO 4
438 READ HM(11), XX(11), 22(11)
440 AB-WE(11)
458 RH#XX(11)
460 F=ZZ(11)
470 GOSUB 2470
492 NEXT II
                                                                         . B. 6. PRESS ANY KEY
490 DATA CARD SHARK, 5, 11. ************ 6, 10.
                                                       J. DEMPSEY
500 FOR RR-1 TO 4
510 IF RAC>4 THEN 530
528 RESTORE 638
538 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
540 IF SCOUTHEN 700
550 READ TOCAR > QCCAR >
568 AS=TO(AA)
578 Y=QQ(RA)
580 RW=15
590 F=12
618 GOSUB 2478
628 NEXT RA
638 DATA
           " SPADES ",152," CLUBS ",156,"DIAMONDS",144," HEARTS ",148
648 GOTO 588
650 CALL HCHAR(12,16,Y)
660 CALL HCHAR(12,17,Y+1)
678 CALL HCHAR(13,16,Y+2)
688 CALL HCHAR(13,17,Y+3)
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698 RETURN
780 CALL CLEAR
710 RESTORE 790
720 FOR III=1 TO 12
730 READ Me(III) L(III)
 748 RS=WS(III)
 750 RW=111*2
760 F=L(111)
 778 GOSUB 2478
798 DATA ******, 10, RULES, 11, ******, 10, THIS IS A GAME OF PLAY YOUR, 3, CARDS RIGH
600 DATA YOU GUESS WHETHER THE NEXT, 3, CARD WILL BE HIGHER OR LOWER, 3, THAN THE LA
818 DATA USE THE ARROW KEYS E AND X.3.TO SELECT VALUES.3.MORE INSTRUCTIONS, 5. WIL
628 FOR Del TO 1888
838 NEXT D
840 CALL CLEAR
850 GOTO 958
860 CALL SOUND(280,370,2,448,2,294,2)
978 CALL SOUND(688,392,2,494,2,294.2)
888 CALL SOUND(200,391,2,494,2,292,2)
890 CALL SOUND( 600, 294, 2, 440, 2, 378, 2)
900 INPUT "ENTER YOUR NAME
910 IF LENG®>>16 THEN 840
928 CALL SCREEN(13)
930 CALL CLEAR
940 RETURN
950 CALL SCREEK(13)
968 FOR 1=2 TO 8
978 CALL COLOR(1,2,16)
988 NEXT 1
998 CALL COLOR(13,16,16)
1000 CALL COLOR(15.7.16)
1010 CALL COLOR(16.2.16)
1020 GOSUB 3160
1030 CALL CLEAR
1040 RB-XB&" "&STR#(HPOINTS)
1050 RH=3
 1070 GOSUB 2470
1000 Res"POINTS="
1090 RW=20
1100 F=16
1110 GOSUB 2478
1120 GOSUB 2690
1130 FOR 1=5 TO 25 STEP 5
1140 FOR 0=10 TO 13
1150 CALL HCHAR(D.1,127)
1160 CALL HCHAR(D.1+1,127)
1180 NEXT I
1198 FOR Q=5 TO 25 STEP 5
1200 K=INT(4#RND)+1
1218 ON K GOSUB 1888,1988,1928,1948
1220 M=INT(13#RND)+1
1230 ON M GOSUB 1968,1990,2020,2050,2080,2110,2140,2170,2200,2230,2260,2290,2320
1240 FOR Z-5 TO 25 STEP 5
1250 CALL GCHAR(12.2.X)
1260 IF XXXX THEN 1200
1270 GOTO 1300
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1928 KK=152
1298 GOTO 1350
1380 FOR T=5 TO 25 STEP 5
1318 CALL GCHAR(18,T,X)
                                                   1930 RETURN
                                                   1948 KK=156
1328 IF XOP THEN 1348
                                                   1950 RETURN
                                                   1968 P=49
1338 GOTO 1228
                                                   1970 PP=48
1340 NEXT
                                                   1980 RETURN
1358 QH*RSC(STR#(Q/5))
                                                   1990 Pato
1360 CALL HCHAR(7, Q, QH)
1378 IF QHC>49 THEN 1428
                                                   2000 GOSUB 2350
                                                   2010 RETURN
1380 POINTS-10
                                                   2020 P#51
1390 BET=0
                                                   2030 GOSUB 2350
1488 K+8
                                                   2040 RETURN
1418 GOTO 1658
                                                  2858 P#52
1428 GOSUB 2698
1438 IF POINTSKI THEN 1780
                                                  2060 GOSUB 2358
                                                  2070 RETURN
1440 AS="ENTER BET"
1450 RW#20
                                                  2090 GOSUB 2350
1468 F=4
1478 GOSUB 2478
                                                  2100 RETURN
                                                  2110 Pw54
1480 CALL HCHAR(28,15,32)
                                                  2120 GOSUB 2350
 1490 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
1500 IF (S#0)+(K(49)+(K)57)THEN 1490
                                                  2148 Pe55
1518 BET=K-48
                                                  2150 GOSUB 2350
1520 CALL HCHAR(20,15.K)
                                                  2168 RETURN
1530 POINTS-POINTS-BET
                                                  2178 P=56
1540 GOSUB 2690
                                                  2188 GOSUB 2358
1550 CALL HCHAR(20,4,32,6)
1560 CALL KEY(0,K,8)
1570 IF S=0 THEN 1560
                                                  2190 RETURN
                                                  2288 P#57
1580 IF (K-69)+(K-88)THEN 1590 ELSE 1560
                                                  2218 GOSUB 2358
1598 CALL GCHAR(10,0-5,H)
                                                  2220 RETURN
                                                  2230 P=74
1600 IF HOYP THEN 1650
                                                  2248 GOSUB 2358
1618 GOSUB 2378
                                                  2250 RETURN
1620 GOSUB 1850
1630 GOSUB 2520
                                                  2260 P#81
                                                  2278 GOSUB 2358
1640 GOTO 1700
                                                  2280 RETURN
1650 GOSUB 2370
                                                  2290 P+75
1660 GOSUB 2750
                                                  2300 G09UB 2350
1678 GDSUB 1858
                                                  2310 RETURN
1688 GOSUB 1818
                                                  2320 P=65
1698 NEXT 0
                                                  2330 GOSUB 2350
1788 AS="AGAIN (Y/N)"
                                                  2340 RETURN
 718 RW=24
                                                  2350 PP=128
 720 F=3
                                                  2360 RETURN
1730 GOSUB 2470
1740 GOSUB 2690
                                                  2378 CALL HCHAR(10,0,128)
                                                 2380 CALL HCHAR(10,0+1,128)
2390 CALL HCHAR(11,0,128)
1750 CALL KEY(O, N.S)
                                                  2400 CALL HCHRR(11, Q+1, 128)
 770 GOSUB 3180
                                                  2410 CALL HCHAR(12,0,KK)
1780 IF K-89 THEN 1838
1798 IF K-78 THEN 2468
                                                 2420 CALL HCHAR(12.0+1,KK+1)
                                                 2430 CALL HCHAR(13,0,KK+2)
2440 CALL HCHAR(13,0+1,KK+3)
1988 GOTO 1758
1818 FOR 1-8 TO 38 STEP 5
                                                 2450 RETURN
1828 CALL SOUND(-99.2080.1,-4.1)
                                                  2460 GOTO 3000
1838 NEXT I
                                                  2478 FOR I=1 TO LEN(98)
1840 RETURN
                                                  2488 A=RSC(SEG#(A#, I, 1))
1858 CALL HCHAR(18,0,P)
1868 CALL HCHAR(18,0+1,PP)
                                                 2490 CALL HCHAR(RM.F+1.A)
2500 NEXT I
1878 RETURN
1880 KK#144
                                                  2520 As="YOU GET NOTHING FOR A PAIR "
1898 RETURN
                                                 2538 POINTS+8
1900 KK=148
1918 RETURN
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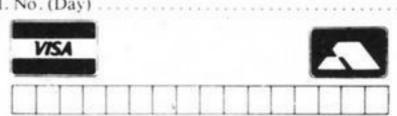
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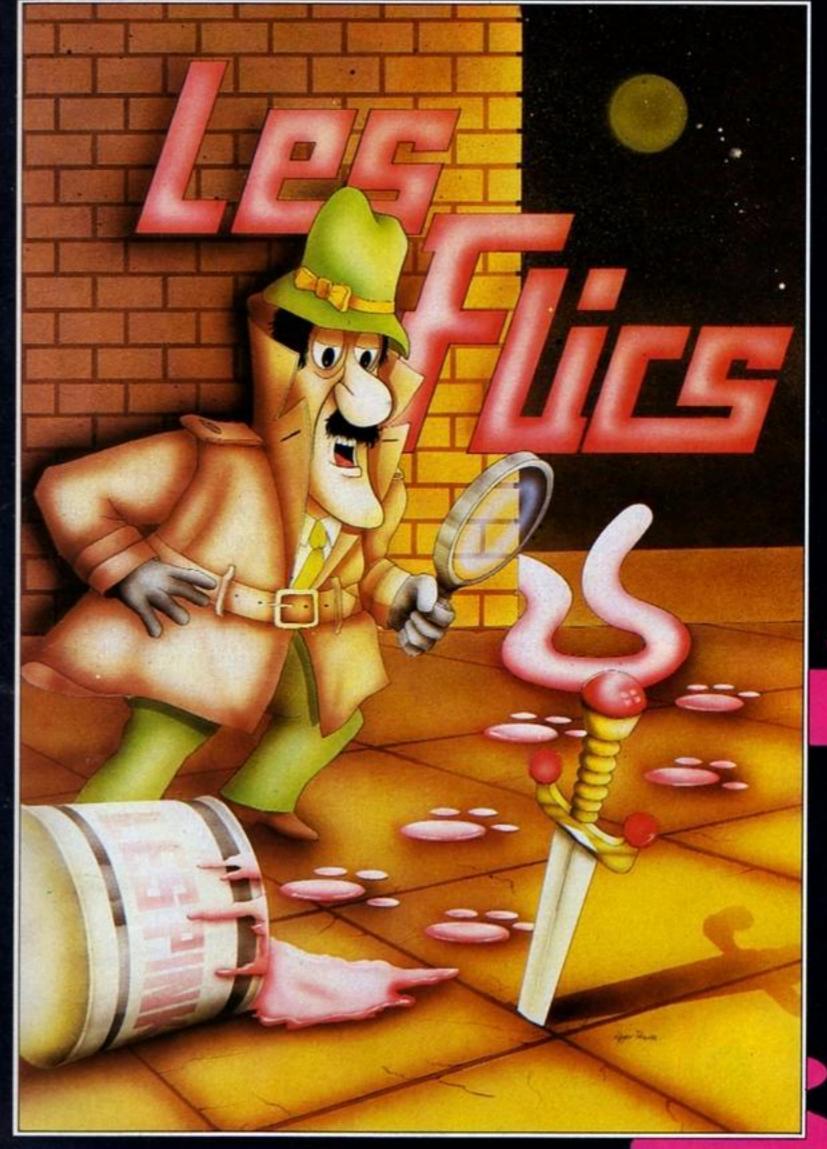


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